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### ***Former St. James Academy Student Brian Stahovich Nominated for Prestigious Sports Award***

**Solana Beach, CA**— Brian Stahovich, sophomore punter at San Diego State University, is one of 42 candidates for the 2009 Ray Guy Award, which is given annually to the nation's top collegiate punter by the Greater Augusta Sports Council. He is one of just 11 underclassmen on the list and two from the Mountain West Conference. In addition, he was named Mountain West Conference Special Teams Player of the Week recently.

The St. James Academy and Cathedral Catholic High graduate currently ranks fourth nationally and first in the league in punting average with 45.81 yards per kick. Stahovich has 11 punts of 50 or more yards in 2009 and 18 for his career. He has helped SDSU rank 11th-nationally in net punting (39.0) after finishing 100th (32.89) in that category a year ago. Stahovich's career-best punt average of 52.5 at Air Force earlier this season ranks fourth in school single-game history. Experts have said that Brian has the potential to play in the NFL being a hard worker, and very fast with great determination. This was already evident when he started punting in 5<sup>th</sup> grade when he was a student at St. James Academy. Brian was always a great athlete and holds physical fitness and sports awards from the school. After receiving his latest honor Brian said, "The Christian education I received at St. James Academy gave me the strength to pursue my dreams and achieve success."

St. James Academy is a K-8 elementary school serving the North County communities of Solana Beach, Del Mar, Carmel Valley, Rancho Santa Fe, Encinitas, Carlsbad and La Costa. It is accredited by the Western Association of Schools and Colleges and certified by the Western Catholic Education Association. For more information, please go to [www.saintjamesacademy.com](http://www.saintjamesacademy.com) or call 1-858-755-1777.