



## MLBPAA ANNOUNCES JOSH HARRISON AS WINNER OF THE 10<sup>th</sup> ANNUAL OVERALL HEART AND HUSTLE AWARD

**New York** - The Major League Baseball Players Alumni Association (MLBPAA) is pleased to announce Pittsburgh Pirates third baseman Josh Harrison as the overall winner of the 2014 Heart and Hustle Award. This esteemed award honors active players who demonstrate a passion for the game of baseball and best embody the values, spirit and tradition of the game. The Heart and Hustle Award is also the only award in Major League Baseball voted on by former players.

In a break-out season with the Pirates, Harrison compiled a batting average of .315, placing second in the National League, drove in 52 runs and scored 77, as well as stole 18 bases in 25 attempts. He was named the National League's Player of the Month in August and earned a spot on his first All-Star team.

"I didn't start the season thinking I was going to win the Heart and Hustle Award, but you just go out and do your job every day. To be recognized for the way I play the game is truly an honor," said Harrison in his acceptance speech.

The announcement was made on November 18, 2014 at the 15<sup>th</sup> Annual Legends for Youth Dinner in New York City. The event also honored Lifetime Achievement Award winners Brooks Robinson and Wade Boggs, as well as Brooks Robinson Community Service Award winner Clint Hurdle. This event is the primary fundraiser for the series of free Legends for Youth Baseball Clinics. These clinics impact more than 15,000 children each year, allowing them the unique opportunity to interact with and learn from players who have left a lasting impact on the game of baseball.

For more information regarding the Heart and Hustle Award, please contact Nikki Warner, Director of Communications by e-mail at [Nikki@MLBPAA.com](mailto:Nikki@MLBPAA.com) or by calling (719) 477-1870, ext. 105.

To learn more about the MLBPAA, please visit [www.baseballalumni.com](http://www.baseballalumni.com) and follow us on Facebook and Twitter (@MLBPAA).

### About The Major League Baseball Players Alumni Association (MLBPAA)

MLBPAA was founded in 1982 with the mission of promoting baseball, raising money for charity and protecting the dignity of the game through its Alumni players. The MLBPAA is headquartered in Colorado Springs, CO with a membership of more than 6,900, of which approximately 5,300 are Alumni and active players. Alumni players find the MLBPAA to be a vital tool to become involved in charity and community philanthropy. Follow @MLBPAA for Twitter updates.

### About The Legends for Youth Clinics

MLBPAA's Legends for Youth clinics impact more than 15,000 children each year, allowing them the unique opportunity to interact with and learn from players who have left a lasting impact on the game of baseball. The MLBPAA has reached children across America and internationally in Australia, Canada, the Dominican Republic, Nicaragua, the United Kingdom and Venezuela, through the Legends for Youth clinic series. To donate to this program, visit [baseballalumni.com/donate](http://baseballalumni.com/donate). The official hashtag of the Legends for Youth clinic series is #LFYClinic.

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