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Liam Hendriks Named Oakland A's Nominee for the 2019 Roberto Clemente Award

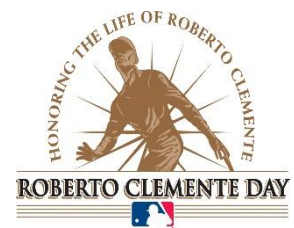
OAKLAND, Calif. – Major League Baseball today announced that pitcher Liam Hendriks was named the Oakland A's 2019 nominee for the prestigious Roberto Clemente Award, the most prestigious individual award for Major League players.

The Roberto Clemente Award is the annual recognition of a Major League player who best represents the game of Baseball through extraordinary character, community involvement, philanthropy and positive contributions, both on and off the field.

Each Club nominates one current player to be considered for the Roberto Clemente Award in tribute to Clemente's achievements and character. Wednesday, September 6th marks the sixteenth annual Roberto Clemente Day, which was established by Major League Baseball to honor Clemente's legacy and to officially acknowledge local Club nominees of the Roberto Clemente Award. As part of the league-wide celebration, the Roberto Clemente Day logo will appear on the bases and official dugout lineup cards and a special tribute video will be played in ballparks.

Every year, each MLB Club nominates a player to be considered for the Award in tribute to Clemente's achievements and character. Wednesday, September 18 marks the 18th annual Roberto Clemente Day, which was established by Major League Baseball to honor Clemente's legacy and to officially acknowledge local Club nominees of the Roberto Clemente Award. As part of the league-wide celebration, the Roberto Clemente Day logo will appear on the bases and official dugout lineup cards and a special tribute video will be played in ballparks.

Hendriks is one of the 30 Club nominees for the annual award. Hendriks and his wife, Kristi, work to leave a lasting impression wherever baseball takes them. The duo has taken a special interest in organizations focused on animal welfare, including Tony La Russa's Animal Rescue Foundation, Fetching Tails Foundation, Mission K-9, the Petco Foundation, and the Rescue Me Thursday campaign. The Hendriks have also taken an active role to stop bullying, teaming up with Strike Out Bullying and MLB's Shred Hate campaign. Hendriks is a constant at events with the Oakland A's Volunteer Team and the Oakland A's Community Fund, volunteering his time at the ballpark and throughout Oakland and the East Bay. Hendriks will be recognized as the A's Roberto Clemente Award nominee during a pregame on-field presentation on Wednesday, Sept. 18.



"We are extremely proud that Liam is being recognized as a 2019 nominee for the prestigious Roberto Clemente Award," said Catherine Aker, Oakland A's vice president of Communications and Community. "Even during the demanding schedule during the season, Liam is a constant at A's volunteer events and dedicates much of his time supporting organizations across the country."

“It is an honor to be recognized by the Oakland A’s and Major League Baseball as a nominee for the Roberto Clemente Award,” said A’s pitcher Liam Hendriks. “My wife and I find it incredibly important to do anything and everything we can to support our communities.”

The league-wide winner of the Roberto Clemente Award will be selected via a blue ribbon panel, including **Baseball Commissioner Robert D. Manfred, Jr.**, representatives from MLB-affiliated networks (MLB Network, FOX Sports, ESPN and TBS) and MLB.com, as well as **Vera Clemente** (the late Roberto’s wife & MLB Goodwill Ambassador). Beginning today, fans can vote for the overall winner of the Roberto Clemente Award via a dedicated website. The site will feature bios of each of the nominees and will allow fans to vote until the end of the season on Sunday, September 29th. The winner of the fan vote will count as one vote among those cast by the blue ribbon panel. Fans are encouraged to vote by visiting the following link: mlb.com/clemente21.

The concept of honoring Major League players for their philanthropic work was created in 1971 as the “Commissioner’s Award.” The recognition was renamed to the “Roberto Clemente Award” in 1973 in honor of the Hall of Famer and 15-time All-Star who died in a plane crash on New Year’s Eve 1972 while attempting to deliver supplies to earthquake victims in Nicaragua.

The distinguished list of past Roberto Clemente Award winners includes 18 members of the National Baseball Hall of Fame:

1971	Willie Mays+**	1981	Steve Garvey	1991	Harold Reynolds	2001	Curt Schilling	2011	David Ortiz
1972	Brooks Robinson+**	1982	Ken Singleton	1992	Cal Ripken, Jr.+	2002	Jim Thome+	2012	Clayton Kershaw
1973	Al Kaline+	1983	Cecil Cooper	1993	Barry Larkin+	2003	Jamie Moyer	2013	Carlos Beltrán
1974	Willie Stargell+	1984	Ron Guidry	1994	Dave Winfield+	2004	Edgar Martinez+	2014	Paul Konerko *
1975	Lou Brock+	1985	Don Baylor	1995	Ozzie Smith+	2005	John Smoltz+	2014	Jimmy Rollins *
1976	Pete Rose	1986	Garry Maddox	1996	Kirby Puckett+	2006	Carlos Delgado	2015	Andrew McCutchen
1977	Rod Carew+	1987	Rick Sutcliffe	1997	Eric Davis	2007	Craig Biggio+	2016	Curtis Granderson
1978	Greg Luzinski	1988	Dale Murphy	1998	Sammy Sosa	2008	Albert Pujols	2017	Anthony Rizzo
1979	Andre Thornton	1989	Gary Carter+	1999	Tony Gwynn+	2009	Derek Jeter	2018	Yadier Molina
1980	Phil Niekro+	1990	Dave Stewart	2000	Al Leiter	2010	Tim Wakefield		

+ Member of The National Baseball Hall of Fame; * Co-winner; ** Originally known as the Commissioner’s Award (prior to 1973)

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