

Congressman Pence today honored Justin O'Conner of Cowan, who was [recently named 2010 Mr. Baseball for the State of Indiana](#)

. His letter follows:

July 19, 2010

Dear Justin,

It is my honor and privilege to congratulate you on being named 2010 Mr. Baseball for the State of Indiana. This award is a tribute to your hard work, resulting in a record-breaking high school career.

As the first Indiana Mr. Baseball recipient from a Class A high school and the first player from Delaware County to be selected in the first round of the Major League Baseball draft, you have made Cowan High School, your community and your state proud.

Buck Rogers, another great baseball player once said, *"There are countless ways of attaining greatness, but any road to reaching one's maximum potential must be built on a bedrock of respect for the individual, a commitment to excellence, and a rejection of mediocrity."*

As you advance into the next exciting stage of your career, I encourage you to take Buck's advice and keep your commitment to excellence.

Best wishes as you begin your professional career with the Tampa Bay Rays organization. I look forward to hearing of your continued success.

Sincerely,

Mike Pence  
Member of Congress  
Sixth District, Indiana