

## Patterson among nation's elite

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Chris Patterson of the Appalachian State University baseball team continues to blossom this season.

The senior righthander has been named a quarterfinalist for national pitcher of the year by the College Baseball Foundation. Patterson is among 25 quarterfinalists for the award, which will be officially announced on July 2 at the College Baseball Awards in Lubbock, TX.

Patterson leads the nation in saves with 13, and he has the third lowest earned-run-average among the quarterfinalists at 1.09. He has 46 strikeouts and he's only walked seven men in 33 innings of work.

Patterson set a new school record for saves (breaking of the old mark of 11 set by Zach Quate last season), and he's on pace to break the Southern Conference record of 17 saves in a season set by Paul Thornton of Georgia Southern in 1993.

Matty Ott of LSU (11 saves, 4.58 ERA), Chance Ruffin of Texas (5-1, 0.96 ERA, 10 saves) and John Stilson (6-1, 0.98 ERA, eight saves) of Texas A&M are the only other relief pitchers nominated for this award.

Starting pitcher Asher Wojciechowski of the Citadel (8-2, 3.28 ERA) is the only other SoCon pitcher among the 25 quarterfinalists.