

# The College Baseball Foundation & the College Baseball Hall of Fame

Honoring the past. Celebrating the present. Inspiring the Future.



## Our Purpose

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**Preserve**, elevate, and advance the game

**Inspire** the next generation

**Teach** those who love college baseball about its rich history and traditions

**Celebrate** those who make college baseball special

**Honor** those who have come before us, and built the foundation upon which college baseball thrives today

## The College Baseball Hall of Fame

Baseball has been a part of the college experience for more than **150 years**. In 2004, the College Baseball Hall of Fame was created to celebrate the greatest players in the college game through its annual inductions and awards but also through the preservation of the milestones and artifacts throughout college baseball history. By the numbers:

1. The Hall of Fame Artifacts Collection contains more than **2,000 items collected**, curated, and cared for to capture the stories of college baseball legends.
2. The CBF has inducted **15 classes** into the Hall of Fame representing **152** of the college game's greatest players, coaches, umpires, and contributors and recognizes the following award winners on an annual basis: Brooks Wallace Award (Most Outstanding Shortstop), John Olerud Two-Way Player of the Year Award, Pitcher of the Year Award, and the Skip Bertman Coach of the Year Award. 55 recipients of these awards have been recognized over the past 20 years.
3. The CBF also recently recognized its 4th Annual All-American team, which recognized 52

deserving student-athletes this past year.

4. The George H. W Bush Distinguished Alumnus Award is given to a college baseball letterwinner who has distinguished himself in life after college baseball – it has been awarded six times.
5. The College Baseball Hall of Fame considers players from all three NCAA Divisions, the NAIA and the NJCAA – approximately 1,600 college programs and **52,000** baseball players nationwide.
6. Eleven College Hall of Famers have also been inducted into the National Baseball Hall of Fame in Cooperstown, New York.





## The New Home

In 2023, the College Baseball Foundation will announce its relocation and the establishment of first College Baseball Hall of Fame Museum in Overland Park, Kansas. This monumental project involves four key objectives.

- 1.** Creating a national home for the **CBF** and **CBHOF** that provides a focal point for the sport.
- 2.** Providing a backdrop to show artifacts, tell the **CBHOF** story, and to host its award recipients and **CBHOF** inductees.
- 3.** Serving as the host site for the annual Night of Champions weekend and additional events/tournaments which promote the **CBHOF** as well as the host destination across the country.
- 4.** Serving as a hub for community activity to promote the **host destination locally**.

Unlike many capital projects of this nature, the **CBF** owns the events that would be used to drive tourism and the economic development through the new host community for the **CBHOF**. In many cases, facilities are built with the hope that enough events can be secured to generate economic impact for the region. In this case, the **CBF** and the **CBHOF**, by nature of owning and producing multiple national events each year, can deliver economic impact through their own internal efforts.

As the home of the **CBF** and the **CBHOF**, the host community could derive numerous benefits. These value adds could include, but may not be limited to, the following:



- Hosting the annual **NOC** and its ancillary events.
- Hosting multiple **CBHOF** branded tournaments.
- Potential expansion into **NCAA** bids in partnership with the **CBF** and the **CBHOF**.
- National media exposure through the large digital following of the **CBF** and the **CBHOF**.
- The Bush Award could become **stand-alone** event.
- Additional increased **tourism and traffic** to the site.
- Official **CBHOF** brand use.

The new College Baseball Hall of Fame will also serve as the new location for the annual Night of Champions where we will celebrate the inductees and award winners.

All of this is possible due to the generous support of our founding donors – those we proudly designate as **“The Starters.”**

## The Starters.

### Who are they?

The starters lead us onto the field through their words and their actions. Not only are they great at what they do but they also care about the greater good. They work hard and play hard. They see adversity as challenges and challenges as opportunities. They are industry leaders who know how to cultivate a strong team. They are the reason we win.

### Why are they here?

They are an inherent part of this community and as a result care deeply about its future success. Whether that community is defined as this city, region, or state or whether the community is college sports and baseball, the Starters care enough to have their actions speak louder than words.

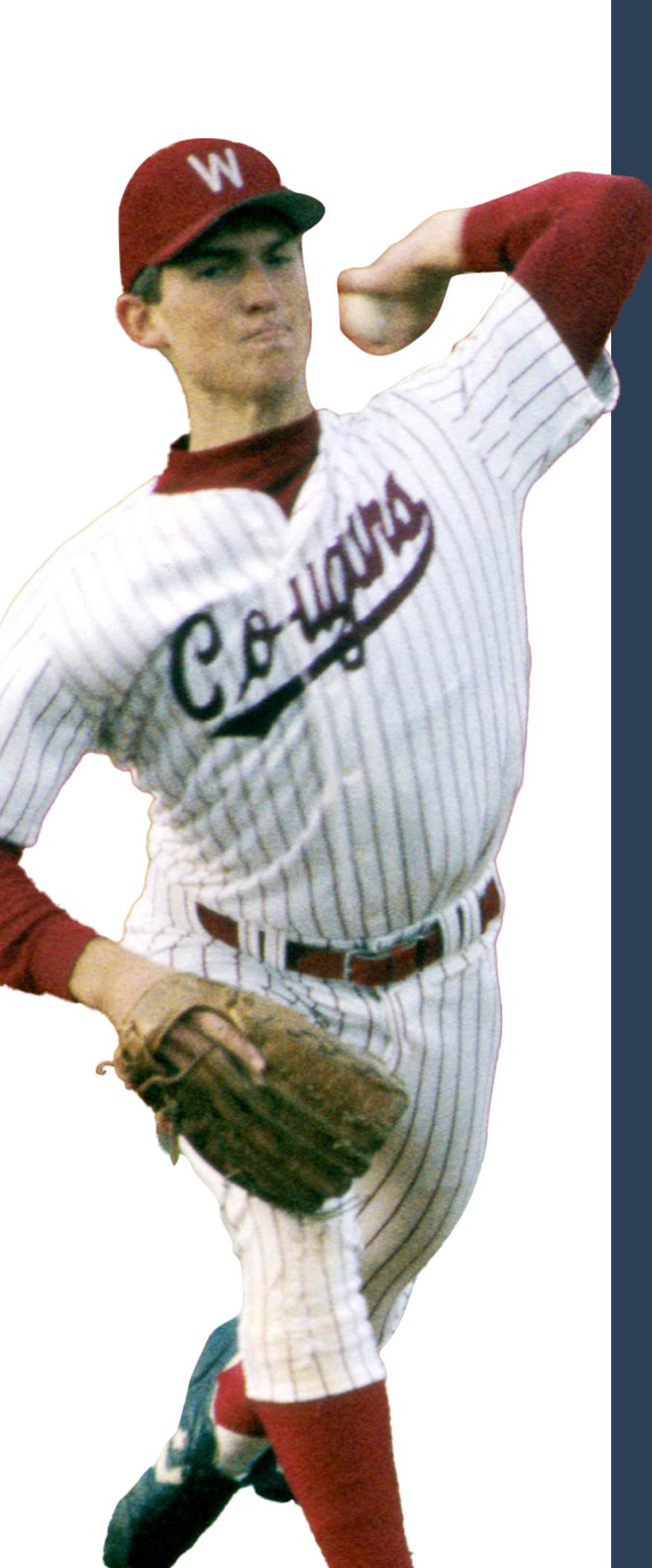
### How can I be a Starter?

With a foundational contribution that leads us to the opening of the College Baseball Hall of Fame, each Starter will hold a unique place in college baseball history. Additionally, Starters will have access to exclusive benefits:



- Permanent recognition in the Hall of Fame
- Recognition at the Hall of Fame Grand Opening Ceremonies
- Premier access to annual induction ceremony/Night of Champions (complimentary table)
- Complimentary access to Meet and Greets and special events in conjunction with the Hall of Fame
- Four tickets to college baseball championships (Men's College World Series, Division II, Division III and NAIA World Series and NJCAA World Series)
- Waived event fee for events hosted in Hall of Fame for company functions (e.g., meetings, special events, sales presentations, etc.)
- Special customized gift
- All benefits offered in Hall of Fame membership packages

*With a \$30,000 commitment (\$10,000 per year for three years), you can become one of our starters. Starting spots are limited.*



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