Jim Abbott  
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Despite being born without a right hand, Jim Abbot found success at the highest level of the game, pitching for 10 seasons in Major League Baseball. Abbott pitched for the California Angels, New York Yankees, Chicago White Sox, and Milwaukee Brewers from 1989 to 1999. As a student-athlete at the University of Michigan, Abbott won the James E. Sullivan Award as the nation's best amateur athlete in 1987, and he also earned a gold medal in the demonstration event at the 1988 Summer Olympics. Selected in the first round of the 1988 Major League Baseball Draft, Abbott reached the Majors the next year without ever throwing a pitch in the minor leagues. As a member of the Yankees in 1993, he pitched a no-hitter against the Cleveland Indians. He finished his career with 87 wins in 1999, and has since spent considerable time sharing his story of overcoming adversity with various groups across the country.

**Topics Include:** Motivation; Overcoming Adversity; Achieving Success; Inspiration;  
**Travels From:** California  
**Fee Range:** Call for Pricing

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Rod Allen  
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Rod Allen’s on-field professional baseball career spanned sixteen years, five countries and two continents but since transitioning to the broadcast booth in 1998 he has found stability and achieved a high level of success. Allen is in the midst of a 14-year run as the lead analyst on Detroit Tigers broadcasts on FOX Sports Detroit, and he has been recognized for his insightful work in the booth as evidenced by his winning of back-to-back Michigan Emmys in the Sports Analyst category in 2006 and 2007. Prior to joining the Tigers broadcast team Allen served as a television and radio analyst for the Arizona Diamondbacks from 1998 to 2002. In 2001 Allen was the lead radio analyst for the Diamondbacks’ World Series run, and he also has contributed analysis on FOX Saturday Baseball regional telecasts and for select National League Division Series telecasts. Allan was originally selected by the Chicago White Sox in the sixth round of the 1977 draft out of Santa Monica High School in Santa Monica, California. The outfielder made his major league debut with the Seattle Mariners in 1983. Allen had two more short stints in the majors, with the World Champion Tigers in 1984 and with the Cleveland Indians in 1988, before three successful seasons with the Hiroshima Toyo Carp of the Japan Central League. After his playing career Allen spent four seasons as a minor league hitting instructor with the Florida Marlins organization before a chance meeting with then Diamondbacks director of broadcasting Thom Brenneman led to the start of a successful career in the booth. Allen’s perception and his colorful commentary as a broadcaster have endeared him to Tigers fans. Off the field Allen provides generous financial contributions and time to support various Tigers community programs, and also has remained involved with events benefitting the Boys & Girls Clubs of Southwestern Michigan, Salvation Army Detroit, the Gleaners Community Food Bank and the Miracle League of Michigan. Allen and his wife, Adrian, have four children.

**Topics Include:** Motivation; Overcoming Adversity; Achieving Success; Inspiration; Anecdotal Baseball Stories; Sports Media;  
**Travels From:** Arizona/Michigan  
**Fee Range:** Call for Pricing
MLBPAA Speakers

Ruben Amaro, Jr.

From player to general manager to coach, Ruben Amaro, Jr. has experienced success across all levels of the game. The son of National Baseball Hall of Famer Ruben Amaro, and grandson of Mexican Baseball Hall of Famer Santos “Canguro” Amaro, the junior Amaro spent parts of eight seasons with the California Angels (1991), Phillies (1992 to 1993; 1996 to 1998) and Cleveland Indians (1994 to 1995) before immediately transitioning into a front office role with the Phillies. As Assistant General Manager from 1999 to 2008, Amaro was an integral part of the building process that led to the Phillies World Series-winning team in 2008. Following the World Series win, Amaro, Jr. was named General Manager and Senior Vice President of the Phillies. The Phillies made it back to the World Series in 2009 and also won the National League East division in each of his first three years as GM. Amaro served as GM through the 2015 season and under his control the Phillies were 573-539. Starting in 2016 Amaro transitioned away from a front office role to accept the first base coach’s job with the Boston Red Sox, his first professional coaching job. Amaro, Jr. grew up in the Rhawnhurst neighborhood of Philadelphia and played baseball collegiately at Stanford University, where he won the College Baseball World Series in 1987 and also graduated with a Bachelor’s degree in human biology. For his accomplishments as a Phillies executive, Amaro, Jr. was inducted into the All-American Amateur Baseball Association Hall of Fame in 2008, and he was also named Executive of the Year by the Philadelphia Sports Writers Association in 2009. Amaro, Jr. is also the co-founder of the Richie Ashburn Harry Kalas Foundation, an organization that provides baseball instruction for underprivileged youths.

Topics Include: Developing a Winning Culture; Leadership; Inspiration and Motivation; Anecdotal Baseball Stories;
Travels From: Pennsylvania/Massachusetts
Fee Range: Call for Pricing

Alan Ashby

From behind the plate to behind the camera, Alan Ashby has maintained success. A catcher by trade, Ashby spent 11 of his 17 seasons with the Houston Astros from 1979 to 1989. He caught 901 games over his tenure in Houston, which was highlighted by three postseason appearances in 1980, 1981 and 1986, and by a trio of no-hitters he was behind the plate for. Ashby turned in the finest offensive season of his career in 1987 when he set career highs with 125 games played, a .288 batting average, 14 home runs and 63 runs batted in. Ashby was originally drafted by the Cleveland Indians in the third round of the 1969 Major League Baseball draft out of San Pedro High School in Los Angeles, California. He made his major league debut with the Indians in 1973 and spent two seasons in Cleveland before he was traded to the Toronto Blue Jays, with whom he also spent two seasons. Ashby finished his career with 1,010 hits, 90 home runs and 107 shutouts caught, 23rd-most all-time among catchers. In 1999 Ashby was named the starting catcher on the All-Time Astrodome Team. One year later he was inducted into the Texas Baseball Hall of Fame. Following his playing career Ashby turned to broadcasting and coaching. He spent time in various on-air roles with Houston-based television networks from 1990 to 1992 before he got back into baseball as a manager in the minor leagues and as the Astros bullpen coach in 1997 before he became a color commentator on Astros radio broadcasts starting in 1998. Ashby excelled as an analyst on the Astros broadcasts and remained in that capacity until 2006, after which he joined the Blue Jays broadcast team. Ashby provided analysis on radio broadcasts and on occasion he also handled play-by-play and commentary on the team’s Sportsnet telecasts until 2013 when he resigned from his position and returned to Houston as the lead analyst on Root Sports’ Astros broadcasts. At the conclusion of the 2016 season Ashby stepped away from the microphone to pursue new ventures.

Topics Include: Anecdotal Baseball Stories; Broadcasting and Communication; Developing a Winning Culture; Leadership; Inspiration and Motivation;
Travels From: Texas
Fee Range: Call for Pricing
Sal Bando

Even though Sal Bando’s 16-year career as a third baseman for the Oakland Athletics and Milwaukee Brewers spanned the majority of a baseball era dominated by pitchers, his ability to reach base and hit for power, paired with superior defense at third base and unequivocal leadership qualities, turned him into one of the greatest winners and one of the most underrated offensive players of his generation. During just his second full season with the Athletics in 1968, manager Hank Bauer named Bando the team’s captain, a title he held for the remainder of his career with the franchise. Equally respected by teammates, peers and managers, Bando helped the young Athletics teams of the early 1970’s forge an identity that propelled them to three consecutive World Series titles from 1972 to 1974. Bando led by example with his relentless drive to win, and he also posted strong numbers at the plate. During the Athletics three-peat Bando was named an American League All-Star three times, he finished in the top four of A.L. Most Valuable Player voting twice and was among league leaders in runs scored, runs batted in, games played and walks. From 1969 to 1976, Bando averaged 23 home runs and 90 RBI while playing home games in the expansive Oakland Coliseum and during an era dominated by pitchers. At the end of his Athletics career Bando signed as a free agent with the Brewers, with then team president and future MLB commissioner Bud Selig championing the signing of Bando as a veteran leader who could mentor the young Brewers and help dispatch their losing mentality. After a 67-win season in 1977, Bando’s first with the Brewers, he led them to their first winning season in franchise history in 1978, the first of what would be five consecutive seasons above .500 for the team. Bando’s final two seasons with the Brewers were as a player-manager, and after the 1981 season he transitioned to a front office role for 10 seasons before becoming the team’s General Manager in 1991, a position he held for nine seasons. Along with the success he had in the baseball world, Bando also founded a successful investment company with former Milwaukee Bucks player Jon McGlocklin, and has most recently served as CEO of Middletown Doll Company, which had a host of investment businesses associated with it.

Topics Include: Developing a Winning Culture; Business Leadership; Personal Growth; Faith; Inspiration and Motivation; Travels From: Arizona
Fee Range: Call for Pricing

Len Barker

Affectionately known as “Large Lenny” throughout his 11-year career, the six-foot-five Len Barker is best remembered for pitching the tenth perfect game in Major League Baseball history. Barker, a hard thrower with a devastating curve ball, set down 27 consecutive Toronto Blue Jays on Friday, May 15, 1981 for the first perfect game in MLB since Oakland Athletics pitcher Catfish Hunter had accomplished the feat 13 years prior. No Indians pitcher since has thrown a no-hitter or perfect game. Barker began his professional career as a 20-year-old with the Texas Rangers in 1976 after they drafted him out of Neshaminy High School in Langhorne, PA in the third round of the 1973 amateur draft. Inconsistent control hampered Barker’s development early on, but after he was traded to the Indians in 1979 he blossomed as a pitcher. His best statistical season came in 1980 when he led the American League with 187 strikeouts and also won a career-best 19 games. Along with his perfect game in 1981, Barker once again led the A.L. in strikeouts and also made the All-Star Team – which was held in Cleveland – affording him the opportunity to pitch in front of his home crowd. Midway through the 1983 season Barker was traded to the Atlanta Braves in their pursuit of a National League West Division title. Barker went on to pitch four more seasons before retiring after the 1987 season with 74 career wins, two strikeout titles and one unforgettable perfect game to his name. Since retiring Barker has founded Perfect Pitch Construction in the Cleveland area, where he worked in the construction field for 16 years. Barker currently serves as an assistant baseball coach at Notre Dame College in South Euclid, OH, and he is also a goodwill ambassador for the Indians. He and his wife, Eva, reside in the Cleveland area.

Topics Include: Anecdotal Baseball Stories; Travels From: Ohio
Fee Range: Call for Pricing
MLBPAA Speakers

Billy Bean
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Billy Bean played Major League Baseball from 1987 to 1995, breaking into the league with the Detroit Tigers after he was drafted in the fourth round of the 1986 amateur draft. Bean debuted with a bang, collecting four hits in his first game, which tied a major league record. He would spend three seasons in the Motor City before being traded to the Los Angeles Dodgers. He signed with the San Diego Padres in 1993, where he spent three more seasons before retiring at age 31. In 2000 Bean grabbed national headlines when he publicly revealed that he is gay. In 2003, he wrote Going the Other Way: Lessons from a Life in and out of Major League Baseball, which chronicled his struggles as a closeted man playing at the major league level. Bean has been a prominent role model in the LGBT community for the past 15 years. He is a founding member of the LGBT Sports Coalition, and Vice Chairman of The StandUp Foundation, the largest anti-bullying foundation in the U.S. On July 15, 2014 he was appointed MLB's first Ambassador for Inclusion. Billy is a member of the National Gay and Lesbian Sports Hall of Fame.

Topics Include: Overcoming Adversity; LGBT Inclusion and Awareness;
Travels From: New York
Fee Range: Call for Pricing

Johnny Bench *
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Considered the greatest catcher of all-time by his peers and the media that covered his career, Johnny Bench stands alone as one of the most complete athletes to ever play Major League Baseball. Bench began his 17-year run as the Cincinnati Reds catcher in 1968 by earning a spot on the National League All-Star Team, then winning Rookie of the Year honors and a Gold Glove award. Following his coming out party in 1968, Bench earned 13 more All-Star appearances, nine Gold Gloves, two N.L. Most Valuable Player awards and back-to-back World Series titles in 1975 and 1976 as leader of the vaunted Big Red Machine teams the Reds fielded before he hung up the tools of ignorance for good following the 1983 season. Bench seemed destined for greatness from an early age, as he was named valedictorian of his graduating class at Binger High School in Binger, Oklahoma. By age 20 he had become the first catcher to win Rookie of the Year, and the first rookie catcher to win a Gold Glove. En route to being elected to the National Baseball Hall of Fame in 1989, Bench led the N.L. in home runs twice (in his two MVP years), set an endurance record behind the plate by catching more than 100 games for 13 consecutive seasons and was also named the MVP of the 1976 World Series. At the time of his retirement Bench’s 389 career home runs were the gold standard for catchers, and his 10 career grand slams are still the most by any catcher in MLB history. Following his retirement Bench remained in the public eye, appearing on television as both an endorser of brands like Stryker Corporation, Krylon, Senco, Blue Emu and Fifth Third Bank, and as a broadcaster and philanthropist. In 1998 Bench was named one of the 100 Greatest Baseball Players by The Sporting News and he was also the top vote-getting catcher on Major League Baseball’s All-Century Team. As a testament to his impact on baseball, since 2000 the best collegiate catcher receives the Johnny Bench Award. Bench has also co-authored the book Catch Every Ball: How to Handle Life’s Pitches, and he is a sought-after business and motivational speaker. His keynote presentation, featuring The Vowels of Success, highlights simple motivational tips and symbolizes Bench’s achievements through hard work and teamwork.

Topics Include: The Vowels of Success
Travels From: Florida/California
Fee Range: Call for Pricing
Andy Benes
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Drafted number one overall by the San Diego Padres in Major League Baseball’s 1988 amateur draft, Andy Benes enjoyed a 14-year career pitching for the Padres, Seattle Mariners, St. Louis Cardinals and the Arizona Diamondbacks. Selected by the Padres as a 20 year old out of his home town University of Evansville in Evansville, Illinois, Benes also had the chance to compete on an international level that same year, ultimately earning the gold medal for the United States at the 1988 Summer Olympics in Seoul, South Korea. Benes debuted for the Padres less than one year later in 1989 as a 21 year old and after just 10 starts he was named National League Rookie Pitcher of the Year by The Sporting News. Benes pitched parts of seven seasons for the Padres, where he earned an All-Star nod in 1993 and led the N.L. in strikeouts the following season, before being traded part way through the year to Seattle. Benes signed as a free agent with the Cardinals following the 1995 and returned to the Midwest to pitch for the team he grew up rooting for. With Benes on their staff, the Cardinals reached the postseason three times. In 1998 Benes turned in the finest season of his career, winning 18 games while finishing third in the Cy Young voting. Between stints in St. Louis Benes pitched two seasons with the expansion Diamondbacks, where he started and threw the first pitch in the franchise’s history on March 31, 1998. Benes retired following the 2002 season with 155 career wins and 2,000 strikeouts. Following his retirement, Benes struggled with alcohol abuse and gambling before rediscovering the Christian Faith and turning his life around. Benes frequently speaks on his Faith and is heavily involved with the Fellowship of Christian Athletes. He currently resides on the outskirts of St. Louis with his wife, Jennifer, and their children.

Topics Include: Faith; Overcoming Addiction; Anecdotal Baseball Stories; Motivation;
Travels From: Missouri
Fee Range: Call for Pricing

Bob Boone

Preceded by father Ray Boone and succeeded by sons Aaron and Bret Boone in Major League Baseball, Bob Boone’s career as a catcher is characterized by his defensive prowess and longevity. Over a 19-year career, Boone won a World Series with the Philadelphia Phillies in 1980, was named an All-Star four times and earned seven Gold Gloves behind the plate. When he retired in 1990 Boone was the all-time leader in games caught with 2,225, a record that would be broken by Carlton Fisk three seasons later. The Stanford University product spent his first 10 seasons with the Phillies from 1972 to 1981, earning three All-Star selections and a pair of Gold Gloves. In 1982 Boone was traded to the California Angels, where he would spend the next seven seasons. While an Angel, Boone caught Mike Witt’s perfect game in 1984 and won three consecutive Gold Gloves from 1986 to 1988. He earned a fourth straight Gold Glove as a member of the Kansas City Royals in 1989 before retiring after the 1990 campaign. He went on to manage the Royals from 1995 to 1998 and the Cincinnati Reds from 2001 to 2003 before transitioning to a front office position. He currently serves as the Assistant General Manager and Vice President of Player Development for the Washington Nationals.

Topics Include: Anecdotal Baseball Stories; Team Building;
Travels From: California/Washington D.C.
Fee Range: Call for Pricing
Mike Bordick

Currently a color analyst on MASN, the Baltimore Orioles flagship station, Mike Bordick is a member of the Orioles Hall of Fame and a wildly popular former shortstop who spent 14 seasons in Major League Baseball, six of them with the Orioles. Bordick, who went undrafted out of the University of Maine, originally signed with the Oakland Athletics in 1986 and debuted with them in 1990 as a 24 year old. Bordick split time between shortstop and second base for the Athletics through the 1996 season before he signed with the Orioles to replace future Hall of Famer Cal Ripken, Jr. at shortstop, facilitating the Iron Man’s move to third base. Considered a glove-first shortstop, Bordick was consistently among American League leaders in fielding percentage, put outs, assists and double plays turned at shortstop. During the 2002 season Bordick handled 543 chances over 110 games without committing an error, which remains a major league record. In the midst of his finest offensive season in 2000 when he hit a career-high 20 home runs and was also named an A.L. All-Star, Bordick was traded to the New York Mets for their run to the World Series, but resigned with the Orioles that following offseason. Bordick spent two more seasons in Baltimore then one season with the Toronto Blue Jays in 2003 before retiring with 1,500 hits, including 257 doubles. Bordick returned to the University of Maine after retiring to complete his Bachelor’s degree in kinesiology and physical education. After spending six seasons as a minor league instructor for the Blue Jays Bordick returned to the Orioles in a similar role before transitioning to the broadcast booth. Since 2011 Bordick and Jim Palmer have split duties as color commentator alongside play-by-play voice Gary Thorne. Bordick and his wife, Monica, reside in Ruxton, Maryland with their six children.

Topics Include: Anecdotal Baseball Stories; Team Building; Fitness and Physical Activity;
Travels From: Maryland
Fee Range: Call for Pricing

Bill Bray
@wpbray

Bill Bray spent six seasons in Major League Baseball as a lefthanded relief pitcher, primarily as a member of the Cincinnati Reds, from 2006 to 2012. Bray appeared in 258 games over his career, all out of the bullpen as a situational reliever to face the opposing team’s best lefthanded hitters. He held lefties to a career .218 batting average and in 2010 when the Reds made the postseason for the first time in 15 seasons, lefties batted just .106 against him. Bray was originally drafted by the then Montreal Expos 13th overall in the 2004 First-Year Player Draft out of the College of William & Mary in Virginia. By the time he made his major league debut, the Expos franchise had been relocated to Washington D.C. and become the Washington Nationals. Bray earned a one-pitch win in his debut on June 3, 2006 but just over one month later he was part of an eight-player trade that sent him to the Reds. After appearing in 63 games for the Reds in 2008, Bray required reconstructive Tommy John surgery on his left elbow. He returned to the mound for Cincinnati in the 2010 season. After he officially retired from professional baseball in the spring of 2014, Bray returned to William & Mary to complete his undergrad degree in Finance. As the Reds player representative to the MLB Players Association during much of his career, Bray was a part of the collective bargaining agreement negotiations in 2011 and he is currently pursuing a law degree at William & Mary Law School with an eye towards returning to baseball as a player agent. Bray currently sits on the Board of Directors at Major League Alumni Marketing, the for-profit subsidiary of Major League Baseball Players Alumni Association. He and his wife Elaine have three daughters and reside in Virginia.

Topics Include: Higher Education; The Art of Negotiating; Sports Business and Sports Marketing;
Overcoming Adversity; Anecdotal Baseball Stories;
Travels From: Virginia
Fee Range: Call for Pricing
MLBPAA Speakers

Jim Bouton
Bouton was a righthanded pitcher who spent the majority of his 10-year career with the New York Yankees, where he won the World Series in 1962 and was named an All-Star in 1963. He gained notoriety for authoring the controversial and impactful book *Ball Four*, an insider’s look at Bouton’s baseball career and his 1969 season with the Seattle Pilots. After his playing career Bouton continued to write about baseball and also worked to develop Big League Chew, the shredded bubble gum brand.

Topics Include: Anecdotal and Humorous Baseball Stories; Business Success;
Travels From: Massachusetts
Fee Range: Call for Pricing

Lou Brock *
Brock starred in the outfield for the St. Louis Cardinals from 1964 to 1979, where he won two World Series, in 1964 and 1967, and also made six All-Star teams. After collecting 3,023 career hits, leading the National League in stolen bases eight times and retiring with all-time marks in career steals (938) and steals in a single season (118), he was inducted into the National Baseball Hall of Fame on the first ballot in 1985. He is now second all-time on those stolen base leaderboards to only fellow Hall of Famer Rickey Henderson. Brock continued his success in the business world following his retirement as both a florist and as the inventor of the “Brockabrella.” He is also an ordained minister. A longtime advocate of Diabetes awareness and research due to a diagnosis of his own, in 2015 Brock’s left leg was amputated below the knee due to an infection stemming from Diabetes.

Topics include: Overcoming Adversity; Inspiration; Motivation; Achieving Success; Anecdotal Baseball Stories;
Travels From: Missouri
Fee Range: Call for Pricing

Al Bumbry
Al Bumbry is a former Baltimore Orioles centerfielder who spent 13 seasons patrolling Memorial Stadium’s outfield for the O’s from 1972 to 1984 and who remains a fan favorite to this day as evidenced by his induction into the Orioles Hall of Fame. Bumbry was selected in the 11th round of the 1968 amateur draft by the Orioles out of Virginia State University after playing just one year of collegiate-level baseball. While at Virginia State on a basketball scholarship Bumbry enrolled in the ROTC to ensure he could finish his education before being drafted in to the Vietnam War. From July of 1969 through June of 1971 Lieutenant Bumbry served as an Army Platoon Leader in Vietnam and following his service time he was awarded a Bronze Star. Bumbry is one of only 10 players in major league history to have served in the Vietnam War. After returning from overseas Bumbry quickly advanced through the Orioles minor league ranks and then burst onto the major league scene in 1973 when he won American League Rookie of the Year honors after batting .337 with a league-leading 11 triples. Bumbry turned in his finest professional season in 1980 when he appeared in 160 games, became the first Orioles player to collect 200 hits in a season, including 29 doubles, and was named to the A.L. All-Star Team. In 1983 Bumbry was the Orioles everyday center fielder when the team won its first World Series title since 1970. After spending the 1985 season with the San Diego Padres Bumbry retired with 1,422 hits, 254 stolen bases and a lifetime .281 batting average. In 1987 Bumbry became the 15th player inducted into the Orioles Hall of Fame. Bumbry went on to serve as a first base coach for the Boston Red Sox (1988 to 1993), Orioles (1995) and Cleveland Indians (1998, 2002) following his playing career. His son, Steve Bumbry, was selected by the Orioles in the 12th round of the 2009 First-Year Player Draft.

Topics include: Personal Growth; Military; Anecdotal Baseball Stories;
Travels From: Maryland
Fee Range: Call for Pricing
Tabbed “Baseball’s Best Hitter” on the cover of TIME magazine in the summer of 1977, Rod Carew embodied the discipline required to sustain success at baseball’s highest level. Carew hit the ground running with the Minnesota Twins in 1967 when he won American League Rookie of the Year and made the first of 18 consecutive All-Star Teams en route to a Hall of Fame career. Carew, a Panamanian whose family immigrated to New York City when he was 14 years old, won his first A.L. batting title with the Twins in 1969. Carew went on to lead the Junior Circuit in batting average for four consecutive seasons from 1972 to 1975, a feat only accomplished by five other players in MLB history – Rogers Hornsby (6), Ty Cobb (5), Honus Wagner (4), Wade Boggs (4) and Tony Gwynn (4). Along with winning his sixth career A.L. batting title in 1977, Carew was also voted the league’s Most Valuable Player after batting .388, the highest mark since Teds Williams’ own .388 in 1957. After a seventh batting crown and 12 seasons in Minnesota, Carew was traded to the California Angels where he went on to play another seven seasons. In his final season, the sweet-swinging Carew became the 16th member of the 3,000 hit club with a single off Twins starter Frank Viola. Carew was inducted into the National Baseball Hall of Fame on the first ballot in 1991 with 90.5 percent of votes, and he remains the Twins’ all-time leader in batting average and on-base percentage. In recognition of his resounding career, in 2016 the A.L. Batting Championship trophy was named the Rod Carew Batting Championship Award by MLB. Carew’s number 29 has since been retired by both the Twins and Angels. He is also an inductee of the Hispanic Heritage Baseball Museum Hall of Fame and in 2004 Panama City’s National Stadium was renamed Rod Carew Stadium in his honor. As a young adult Carew served a six-year commitment in the United States Marine Corps Reserves as a combat engineer, with which he credits much of his success on the diamond to. Carew spent much of his time post-retirement developing hitters as a coach with the Angels and Milwaukee Brewers, and he has also enjoyed competing on the golf course. As a speaker and presenter Carew draws from his successes on the field to instill messages of discipline and determination. Drawing from the devastation caused by the loss of his 18-year-old daughter to acute myeloid leukemia in 1996, Carew can also speak on navigating and overcoming adversity. In 2015 Carew suffered a major heart attack while golfing near his home in Southern California. Following several surgeries a left ventricle assist device (LVAD) was implanted while Carew awaited a heart transplant. In December of 2016 Carew underwent successful heart and kidney transplant surgeries.

**Topics Include:** Discipline and Determination; Overcoming Adversity; Travels From: California

**Fee Range:** Call for Pricing

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Best remembered for winning the 1993 World Series for the Toronto Blue Jays with a walk-off home run, Joe Carter hit 396 career home runs over 16 major league seasons. He spent the majority of his career with the Blue Jays and Cleveland Indians. A five-time All-Star, he also won the 1992 World Series with the Blue Jays. Since retiring after the 1998 season, Carter has spent time as a color commentator for the Blue Jays and Chicago Cubs and has been involved in various charitable endeavors.

**Topics Include:** Anecdotal Baseball Stories; Faith; Travels From: Kansas

**Fee Range:** Call for Pricing
MLBPA Speakers

Sean Casey
@TheMayorsOffice

Nicknamed “The Mayor” due to his gregarious nature, Casey spent 12 seasons in Major League Baseball, eight of them with the Cincinnati Reds. He was a four-time National League All-Star. In 1998 he helped lead the Detroit Tigers to their first World Series appearance since 1984, and he also went to the postseason in 2008 with the Boston Red Sox. Casey owns a Bachelor’s degree in Speech Communications from the University of Richmond and is currently a broadcaster and commentator on MLB Network.

Topics Include: Motivation; Inspiration; Communication; Anecdotal Baseball Stories;
Travels From: Pennsylvania
Fee Range: Call for Pricing

Will Clark

After a standout performance in the 1984 Olympics and an award-winning season with the Mississippi State Bulldogs in 1985, Clark was the San Francisco Giants second overall pick in the 1985 Amateur Draft and less than a year later he debuted as the Giants starting third baseman. From there, he established himself as the gold standard among National League first basemen – from 1987 to 1992 he made five All-Star teams, finished in the top-five of the Most Valuable Player balloting four times and led the Giants to a World Series appearance in 1989. After eight seasons in San Francisco he spent five years with the Texas Rangers, made another All-Star team and appeared in the postseason two more times. He retired after the 2000 season with 2,176 hits, 284 home runs and a .303 batting average. Clark has worked for the Giants front office in community relations and coaching capacities since 2009.

Topics Include: Motivation; Developing a Winning Attitude; Anecdotal Baseball Stories;
Travels From: Louisiana
Fee Range: Call for Pricing

Eric Davis

One of the most exciting players of his generation, Davis elicited comparisons to Willie Mays as the centerfielder for the Cincinnati Reds. From 1986 to 1990 he averaged 30 home runs and 40 stolen bases, won a pair of Gold Glove awards and led the Reds to a World Series victory in 1990. Injuries limited his production for a handful of years before he returned to form in 1996 and won National League Comeback Player of the Year honors, but in 1997 as a member of the Orioles he was diagnosed with colon cancer. He returned to the field later that same season and hit a game-winning home run for the Orioles in their American League Championship Series matchup with the Cleveland Indians. He subsequently led Bristol-Myers Squibb’s national Score Against Colon Cancer public awareness and screening campaign in 1998. He is currently a special assistant to the General Manager for the Reds.

Topics Include: Overcoming Adversity; Motivation; Inspiration; Anecdotal Baseball Stories;
Travels From: California
Fee Range: Call for Pricing
Best known as the “The Hawk” throughout his childhood and professional career for his hawk-like eye at the plate, Andre Dawson put together an impressive career that spanned 21 seasons and ultimately led to an induction into the National Baseball Hall of Fame in 2010. Despite going unselected until the 11th round of the 1975 amateur draft out of Florida A&M by the Montreal Expos, Dawson made his major league debut just over one year later and by 1977 he had become an everyday outfielder for the Expos. Dawson earned National League Rookie of the Year honors in 1977 to kick off a 10 year run as one of the elite outfielders in the N.L. Over the course of his Expos career Dawson earned three All-Star Game nods, three Silver Sluggers, six Gold Glove awards and he led the league in base hits in 1983. After the 1986 season Dawson signed as a free agent with the Chicago Cubs and began his career on the north side of Chicago in 1987 in grand fashion by winning the N.L. Most Valuable Player award after he set career highs and led the league with 49 home runs, 137 runs batted in and 353 total bases. Although knee injuries hampered much of Dawson’s career – he underwent 12 knee surgeries throughout it – Dawson maintained a high level of play during his six year tenure with the Cubs as evidenced by five more All-Star Game selections, two more Gold Gloves, a Silver Slugger and three top-20 finishes in MVP voting. The twilight of Dawson’s Hall of Fame career was played out with two-year stints with the Boston Red Sox and his home town Florida Marlins before he retired after the 1996 season. As a testament to his immense baseball talent and relentless work ethic, Dawson’s combination of the 438 home runs and 314 stolen bases over his career are matched by only three other players in baseball history – Willie Mays, Alex Rodriguez and Barry Bonds. Since his retirement Dawson has maintained a front office role with the Marlins and he also owned a soul food restaurant in Miami Gardens, FL for a number of years. Dawson also remains a fan favorite in Chicago, the city where his career reached new heights. In 2012 Dawson released If You Love This Game: An MVP’s Life in Baseball, an autobiography, and he frequently participates in many philanthropic and youth baseball endeavors as well.

Topics Include: Philanthropy and Community Service; Anecdotal Baseball Stories; Overcoming Adversity;
Travels From: Florida
Fee Range: Call for Pricing

Dempster, a native Canadian, spent 16 seasons in Major League Baseball as a pitcher, most notably with the Chicago Cubs and the Boston Red Sox, with whom he won a World Series in 2013. Dempster made two All-Star teams over his career, in 2000 and 2008. Dempster retired and took a position in the Cubs’ front office following the 2013 World Series. Through the Dempster Family Foundation, which was inspired by his daughter Riley who was born with DiGeorge Syndrome, Dempster was and is still dedicated to improving the lives of those and their families affected by DiGeorge Syndrome. Dempster and his Foundation continued to raise awareness that led to greater education and advocacy. Dempster is currently a studio analyst on MLB Network, where he provides insights on current events across the game, and he also serves as a part of the Cubs front office. Dempster can also be heard from time to time doing impressions of the late revered Cubs announcer Harry Carey.

Topics Include: Philanthropy; Achieving Success; Anecdotal Baseball Stories; Humor;
Travels From: Illinois
Fee Range: Call for Pricing
Bucky Dent

Most often remembered for his American League East Division title-securing homerun for the New York Yankees against the Boston Red Sox in the 1978 tie-breaking game, Bucky Dent excelled when the games mattered most. A lifetime .247 hitter over the course of his 12-year career, Dent smacked that three-run home run for the Yankees in Game 163 and then batted .333 throughout the postseason, including a .417 mark with seven runs batted in the Yankees six-game World Series win over the Los Angeles Dodgers. For his production Dent was awarded the Series’ Most Valuable Player. Dent was originally drafted by the Chicago White Sox sixth overall in the 1970 amateur draft out of Miami-Dade College, with whom he debuted in 1973 as a 21 year old. In 1974 Dent became the starting shortstop for the White Sox and finished second in A.L. Rookie of the Year voting. After two more seasons in Chicago, which included an All-Star nod, Dent was traded to the Yankees at the beginning of the 1977 season. Dent went on to spend six seasons in New York as the Yankees shortstop, where he won back-to-back World Series in 1977 and 1978, and also made two more All-Star Teams in 1980 and 1981. Following his Yankees tenure Dent spent two seasons with the Texas Rangers and one with Kansas City Royals before he retired after the 1984 season. Dent quickly reemerged in baseball as a manager in the Yankees minor league ranks. He also managed the New York Yankees for parts of two seasons in 1989 and 1990, and then served on the coaching staff of the St. Louis Cardinals under manager Joe Torre from 1991 to 1994, and under Johnny Oates with the Texas Rangers from 1995 to 2001. Dent did not stray far from the game following his retirement from coaching when he opened his own baseball school in South Florida, where he currently resides today. Years prior Dent and his late wife, Marianne, established the non-profit organization Legends on the Links to support and raise money for those affected by illness and cancer. In 2015, after Marianne passed away from brain cancer herself, Dent continued the initiative she started through Legends on the Links, called Embraced with Love. The initiative, which provides cancer patients undergoing radiation treatment with blankets for warmth and comfort in a time of need, continues today.

Topics Include: Philanthropy; Anecdotal Baseball Stories; Overcoming Adversity;
Travels From: Florida
Fee Range: Call for Pricing

Dave Dravecky

Dave Dravecky’s story is one filled with pain and adversity, but it is also a story of success, encouragement and of overcoming adversity. Dravecky spent eight seasons in Major League Baseball as a lefthanded pitcher from 1982 to 1989, primarily as a starter for the San Diego Padres and San Francisco Giants. In 1983 he made the National League All-Star Team as a member of the Padres and one year later he helped lead the Padres to their first-ever World Series appearance. Three seasons later Dravecky was traded to the Giants mid-season. That season he helped lead the Giants to a playoff matchup with the St. Louis Cardinals. Shortly thereafter his life was turned upside down – a cancerous desmoid tumor had been discovered in Dravecky’s pitching arm midway through the 1988 season. Dravecky underwent surgery that October to remove the tumor and half of his deltoid muscle. Doctors also froze his humerus bone in an attempt to rid his body of the cancerous cells. In the face of radiation treatments and his doctors imploring him to take his attempt at returning to a big league mound slow, Dravecky made a highly-publicized return to the Giants less than one year later on August 10, 1989. In his first start back Dravecky was the winning pitcher. In his second start, life as he had known it ended. On a pitch to Tim Raines in the fifth inning Dravecky’s humerus snapped, the sound echoing through Montreal’s Olympic Stadium. He would never throw another pitch after that. When the Giants clinched a trip to the World Series three months later, Dravecky broke his arm again in the ensuing on-field celebration. Following that season, Dravecky won the Hutch Award and the Willie Mac Award, the
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former annually given to a major leaguer who best exemplifies the fighting spirit and competitive desire of Fred Hutchinson by persevering through adversity, and the latter named in honor of Willie McCovey annually given to the most inspirational player on the Giants. Following the 1989 season doctors discovered that Dravecky’s cancer had returned in the form of a malignant tumor. By 1991 Dravecky’s arm, shoulder blade and part of his clavicle had to be amputated to preserve the rest of his body and his life. Since then he has embarked on a career as a motivational speaker, turning the loss of his childhood dream into a platform to share hope with the suffering around the world. Through his presentations Dravecky educates how to navigate loss and suffering, and how to experience encouragement and hope.

Topics Include: Encouragement through adversity; the power of “team”; discovering your true worth; the value of trust in relationships
Travels From: California
Fee Range: Call for Pricing

David Eckstein

Eckstein personified getting the most out of one’s ability on the field. A two-time All-Star and World Series champion – with the Anaheim Angels in 2002 and the St. Louis Cardinals in 2006 – he was a walk-on player at the University of Florida before later earning an athletic scholarship. Eckstein began his career with the Angels in 2001, where he was the starting shortstop until 2004, when he became a free agent and signed with the Cardinals. He garnered back-to-back All-Star selections as a Cardinal, and won World Series Most Valuable Player honors in 2006, after they defeated the Detroit Tigers in the Fall Classic, 4-1. Since retiring, Eckstein has focused his energy on Her Universe, a company he and his wife Ashley founded that produces fashion and accessories for female Sci-Fi fans.

Topics Include: Motivation; Inspiration; Faith; Anecdotal Baseball Stories;
Travels From: Florida
Fee Range: Call for Pricing

Brian Holman

Through life experiences such as the loss of his daughter Kassidy to leukemia and missing out on a perfect game at the major league level by one out, Brian Holman encourages and inspires. Rising through the ranks of the Montreal Expos farm system in the 1980’s, Holman made his major league debut in 1988 against the Pittsburgh Pirates. Midway through the 1989 season Holman and future Hall of Fame pitcher Randy Johnson were traded to Seattle, and half a year later Holman was the Opening Day starter for Seattle. Later that same month Holman came within one out of baseball immortality, as he lost the bid for the fourteenth perfect game in Major League Baseball history and the first in Mariners franchise history by a single out in the ninth inning. Holman went on to win a combined 24 games over the next two seasons before an arm injury ended his baseball career. Since his retirement Holman has become involved in numerous charitable organizations, including the Leukemia & Lymphoma Society, Children’s Hospital, and the Fellowship of Christian Athletes and he also spent four years as managing partner and senior client advisor with the financial planning and investment management firm Ronald Blue & Co. In 2007, he was inducted into the Kansas Baseball Hall of Fame. Holman’s son David, who overcame a brain tumor, was a pitcher in the Seattle Mariners organization through the 2014 season. Brian and his wife currently reside in Kansas.

Topics Include: Endurance and Perseverance; Overcoming Setbacks and Failures; Being a Man of Impact; Christian Messages; Anecdotal Baseball Stories;
Travels From: Kansas
Fee Range: Call for Pricing
Steve Garvey
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Garvey spent 14 of his 19 seasons in a Los Angeles Dodgers uniform and played in 1,207 consecutive games, a National League record that still stands today. From 1974 to 1981 Garvey made eight consecutive All-Star Games, won four Gold Glove Awards at first base and earned NL Most Valuable Player honors in 1974. He carried the Dodgers to a World Series victory in 1981, and is the team’s all-time hits leader in the postseason with 63. Garvey signed with the San Diego Padres in 1982 and led them to their first-ever World Series appearance in 1984. He retired in 1987 with 2,599 hits, 272 home runs and 10 All-Star appearances. He has been involved in the Dodgers community relations department since his retirement, and after being diagnosed with prostate cancer in 2012, he has dedicated time and resources to prostate awareness as well.

Topics Include: Inspiration; Motivation; Overcoming Adversity; Anecdotal Baseball Stories;
Travels From: California
Fee Range: Call for Pricing

Cito Gaston

An All-Star on the field during his 12-year playing career, most notably for the San Diego Padres and the Atlanta Braves, Gaston is best remembered as the manager of the Toronto Blue Jays teams that won back-to-back World Series titles in 1992 and 1993. In 1992 Gaston became the first African-American manager in major league history to win a World Series title. He managed the Blue Jays from 1989 to 1997, then returned for a second stint at the helm for Toronto from 2008 to 2010 before officially retiring from the game. Over his managing career, Gaston collected 894 wins. In 2008, Gaston was presented with a Negro League Hall of Fame Legacy Award. He is also enshrined in the Ontario Sports Hall of Fame, the Canadian Baseball Hall of Fame and owns an Honorary Doctor of Laws degree from the University of Toronto.

Topics Include: Motivation; Overcoming Adversity; Anecdotal Baseball Stories; Teamwork & Leadership;
Travels From: Florida
Fee Range: Call for Pricing

Doug Glanville
@dougglanville

An exceptional fielder and postseason contributor on the field, and a skilled writer and entrepreneur off it, Doug Glanville is one of the most well-rounded men to ever play the game. A nine-year major league veteran who spent the majority of his career with the Philadelphia Phillies, Glanville was valued for his defense and timely hitting. Primarily a center fielder, Glanville enjoyed his best offensive season in 1999 when he batted .325 for the Phillies and set career marks with 204 hits, 38 doubles and 34 stolen bases. In 2003 Glanville appeared in the postseason with the Chicago Cubs and in game 3 of the National League Champion Series he came through with the game-winning triple in the 11th inning. Glanville retired as a Phillie at the beginning of the 2015 season, finishing his career with 293 consecutive games played without committing a fielding error. Glanville earned a Bachelors Systems Science and Engineering at the University of Pennsylvania, and since his retirement he has stayed busy in both the business and media realms. Over the years he has served as managing partner for Chicago-based Metropolitan Development, a real estate development firm; and is currently President of GK Alliance, LLC, an Illinois-based company that provides intellectual capital for start-ups. At GK Alliance Glanville is responsible for seeking and promoting new business initiatives. On the media side, Glanville has been a full-time force for ESPN as well. He contributes to Baseball Tonight, ESPN Radio, ESPN.com and ESPN The Magazine, and has also been a guest columnist and contributor to The New York Times and the Atlantic, and in 2014 he released The Game From Where I Stand, a book that reveals the human side of baseball and the men who play it. Glanville currently resides in Connecticut with his family.
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Topics Include: Importance of Higher Education; Business Development; Media and Broadcast Journalism; Anecdotal Baseball Stories;

Travels From: Connecticut
Fee Range: Call for Pricing

Shawn Green
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One of the most accomplished Jewish baseball players in Major League Baseball history, Green spent the majority of his 15-year career with the Toronto Blue Jays and Los Angeles Dodgers. A rightfielder, Green hit 328 home runs in his career, and he eclipsed 40 in a season three times. In 2002 with the Dodgers, Green became the 14th player in MLB history to hit four home runs in one game. He was also a two-time All-Star and won Gold Glove and Silver Slugger Awards in 1999. Upon his retirement in 2007 he was second only to Hank Greenberg in career home runs and runs batted in (1,070) among Jewish baseball players. He has been involved with many charities, including the Special Olympics, Parkinsons Foundation and Juvenile Diabetes Research Foundation. In 2014 he founded Greenfly, a mobile-based platform that connects media companies with athletes and celebrities.

Topics Include: Business Success; Technology; Anecdotal Baseball Stories;

Travels From: California
Fee Range: Call for Pricing

Ken Griffey Sr.

Griffey, Sr. was an outfielder for the vaunted “Big Red Machine” teams the Cincinnati Reds fielded in the 1970’s that won back-to-back World Series in 1975 and 1976. Griffey also spent five of his 19 MLB seasons in New York with the Yankees. He made three All-Star teams over the course of his career, and in the early 1990’s he and his son, Ken Griffey, Jr., both members of the Seattle Mariners at the time, became the first father-son combo to play together at the major league level. Griffey, Sr. retired after the 1991 season with more than 2,000 hits and 350 doubles. In 2006 he overcame prostate cancer and subsequently became a spokesperson for Kimberley-Clark’s prostate cancer awareness campaign. He currently works for the Cincinnati Reds in an advisory role.

Topics Include: Anecdotal Baseball Stories; Overcoming Adversity; Leadership & Teamwork;

Travels From: Florida/Pennsylvania
Fee Range: Call for Pricing

Bo Jackson
@BoJackson

Arguably the most dynamic two-sport athlete in American history, Jackson is the only professional athlete to be named an All-Star in two sports. Jackson excelled in both football and baseball at Auburn University before being drafted by the Kansas City Royals in 1986, with whom he debuted for later that same season. He was also drafted by the National Football League’s Los Angeles Raiders in 1987, where he was an elite running back for four seasons before his career was derailed by a dislocated hip. As an outfielder for the Royals in 1989 Jackson hit a career high 32 home runs, stole 26 bases and was named an American League All-Star. Throughout his MLB and NFL careers, Jackson routinely wowed fans and journalists alike with feats of athleticism never seen before. He became a nationwide sensation with his endorsement of Nike in the still famous “Bo Knows...” ad campaign. After his playing career, Jackson completed his Bachelor of Science degree in Family and Child Development at Auburn, and has since involved himself in various business and philanthropic ventures, including the development of an 88,000 square foot elite training facility and developing Bo Bikes Bama, an annual cycling trip in Alabama that unites cyclists in support of the state and assists in its efforts to recover from tornado damage.

Topics Include: Finding Success Outside your Comfort Zone; Importance of a Higher Education; Motivation; Business Success; Anecdotal Sports Stories;

Travels From: Illinois
Fee Range: Call for Pricing
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Ferguson Jenkins*

An all-around great athlete who paved the road for Canadian-born athletes to follow, Ferguson Jenkins is one of the best pitchers from a generation defined by great pitching. Jenkins posted six consecutive 20-win seasons with the Chicago Cubs from 1967 to 1972, and in 1971 he earned the National League's Cy Young Award when he completed 30 games won 24. Jenkins was traded to the Texas Rangers in 1974 and won an American League-leading 25 games for them that season and finished second in the Cy Young voting. He finished his career where it started in Chicago after the 1983 season with 284 wins, 267 complete games and 3,192 strikeouts. In 1991, Jenkins became the first Canadian-born player to be inducted into the National Baseball Hall of Fame. He is also a member of the Canadian Baseball Hall of Fame and the Texas Rangers Hall of Fame. As a speaker, Jenkins draws from his experiences in baseball and the hardships he dealt with and overcame following the unexpected passing of his wife days after his induction into Baseball’s Hall of Fame.

Topics Include: Anecdotal Baseball Stories; Philanthropy; Motivation; Overcoming Adversity;
Travels From: Arizona
Fee Range: Call for Pricing

Tommy John

A four-time All-Star and one of the longest-tenured players in the history of Major League Baseball, Tommy John played for six different teams over 26 seasons before retiring after the 1989 season. A sinkerball pitcher, John induced 604 double plays, the most of any pitcher in recorded history. His career got a second wind in 1974 after a ground-breaking ligament replacement surgery on his left elbow extended his big league career by 14 seasons. Following the surgery, he won 164 games – one fewer victory than the legendary Sandy Koufax earned over his entire career. This revolutionary procedure has since been performed on countless baseball players and has paved the way for longevity on the diamond. In 1977 he first reached the 20-win plateau while pitching for the Los Angeles Dodgers and two years later he won 21 games for the New York Yankees. In 1980, he led the rotation of the playoff-bound Yankees’ with a career-high 22 victories, including a major league-leading six shutouts. His 288 career wins are seventh among all southpaws in the Modern Era, and he also appeared in three World Series – two with the Dodgers and one with the Yankees.

Topics Include: Anecdotal Baseball Stories; Humor; Baseball Development; Faith;
Travels From: New Jersey
Fee Range: Call for Pricing

Brian Jordan

@TwoSportman

Mentioned in the same breath as Deion Sanders and Bo Jackson among standout two-sport athletes, Baltimore native Brian Jordan has won playoff games in both the National Football League and Major League Baseball. A first round draft pick by the St. Louis Cardinals in the 1988 amateur draft, Jordan also patrolled the Atlanta Falcons’ secondary from 1989 to 1991 while he ascended through the Cardinals’ ranks. In 1991 as a safety he helped lead the Falcons over the New Orleans Saints in the Wild Card round, then intercepted two-time Pro Bowler Mark Rypien in the divisional round, only five months before he went 2-for-5 with 4 RBI in his major league debut with the Cardinals. Jordan spent seven seasons with the Cardinals before signing with the Atlanta Braves in the 1998 offseason. In 1999 Jordan made the National League All-Star Team, hit 23 home runs and drove in a career-high 115 runs. He carried that momentum into the N.L. Division Series – where he batted .471 with seven RBI, including the game-winning RBI double in the 12th inning of game three – and Championship Series – where he smacked a pair of home runs – to lead the Braves to a World Series berth. Jordan currently resides in the Atlanta area, where he serves as an analyst on FOX Sports South’s Braves LIVE and continues to provide assistance for community youths through the Brian Jordan Foundation.

Topics Include: Philanthropy; Motivation; Anecdotal Baseball Stories;
Travels From: Georgia
Fee Range: Call for Pricing
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David Justice
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Twice a World Series champion, and the National League’s Rookie of the Year in 1990, David Justice was a premier power threat at the plate over his 14-year Major League Baseball career. A three-time All-Star, he made 11 postseason appearances and reached the World Series six times. In the 1995 Fall Classic his home run was the difference in Atlanta’s 1-0, Series-clinching, game six win over the Indians. Five years later Justice won his second championship, this time with the Yankees, and earned MVP honors in the American League Championship Series along the way. Always with a flair for the dramatic, Justice finished his career with the miraculous 2002 Oakland Athletics, whose improbable run to the postseason is prominently featured in Michael Lewis’ book *Moneyball.*

**Topics Include:** Motivation; Anecdotal Baseball Stories; Developing a Winning Attitude;

**Travels From:** California

**Fee Range:** Call for Pricing

Jim Kaat
Predominantly a starting pitcher throughout his 25-year career, Jim Kaat’s time in the Majors spanned four decades and seven presidential administrations. In 1966 with the Minnesota Twins, Kaat won a league-leading 25 games, earned *The Sporting News*’ American League Pitcher of the Year honors and finished second in the Cy Young Award race to Sandy Koufax. He also eclipsed the twenty-win plateau in 1974 and 1975 as a member of the Chicago White Sox and finished his career with 283 wins, the eighth-highest total among left-handed pitchers all-time. Kaat also earned a record 16 consecutive Gold Glove awards from 1962-1977. Also a three-time All-Star, he played in the 1965 World Series with the Twins, then earned a championship ring pitching out of the St. Louis Cardinals’ bullpen eighteen years later in 1982. Following his playing career, Kaat spent two seasons as the Cincinnati Reds pitching coach under manager Pete Rose before transitioning into a broadasting career that included stops at Good Morning America, NBC, CBS, ESPN, the YES Network and most recently MLB Network, where he provides stellar color commentary alongside Bob Costas. Kaat has enjoyed success in the broadcast booth, taking home seven Emmy Awards between 1997 and 2005 for excellence in sports broadcasting.

**Topics Include:** Anecdotal and Humorous Baseball Stories; Sports Broadcasting and Analysis;

**Travels From:** Florida

**Fee Range:** Call for Pricing

John Kruk
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John Kruk is best remembered for his time as the first baseman for the Philadelphia Phillies from 1989 to 1994, when he was a three-time All-Star. Chief among Kruk’s accomplishments with the Phillies included leading them to a World Series appearance in 1993 vs. the Toronto Blue Jays. Kruk was diagnosed with testicular cancer before the 1994 season and retired one season later. Since 2004, he has been a baseball broadcaster and analyst for ESPN, and is currently the lead analyst on ESPN’s Sunday Night Baseball team.

**Topics Include:** Overcoming Adversity; Anecdotal Baseball Stories;

**Travels From:** Florida/Connecticut

**Fee Range:** Call for Pricing

Tony La Russa*
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Tony La Russa is a former Major League Baseball player and manager who is currently the Chief Baseball Officer for the Arizona Diamondbacks, overseeing their entire baseball operations department. La Russa was inducted into Baseball Hall of Fame by the Veteran’s Committee unanimously in 2013. Prior to his baseball career, the Florida native graduated from the University of South Florida in 1969 then went on to play Major League Baseball sparingly until 1977, after which he earned a Juris Doctor degree from Florida State University College of Law in 1978 and was subsequently admitted to the Florida Bar
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Barry Larkin*
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Inducted into the National Baseball Hall of Fame in 2012, Larkin spent his entire 19-year career as the shortstop of the Cincinnati Reds and is considered one of the best players of his generation. Larkin enrolled at University of Michigan on a football scholarship, but decided to pursue baseball exclusively after his freshman year. Following his retirement from the Reds, Larkin returned to campus to complete the Bachelor’s in Communications he began as a student-athlete – both of his parents and his siblings completed a higher education as well. Larkin started Champions Sports Foundation in the early 2000’s, which was a premier safe haven for the youth of America and their development. He later developed the Champions Sports Complex to harness the power of sport and used it to successfully develop the youth in America by targeting their social, emotional and educational needs. Since his retirement Larkin has also been in the public eye as a broadcaster or analyst on television networks, namely ESPN and MLB Network, and has also worked in the Washington Nationals front office. His son, Shane Larkin, currently plays in the National Basketball Association for the Brooklyn Nets.

Topics Include: Philanthropy; Importance of a Higher Education; Motivation; Anecdotal Baseball Stories;
Travels From: Florida
Fee Range: Call for Pricing

Al Leiter
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Leiter was one of the most consistent pitchers of the 1990’s who elevated his game when the lights shined brightest. He won three World Series rings over his 19-year career – with the Toronto Blue Jays in 1992 and 1993, and with the Florida Marlins in 1997. For ten consecutive seasons from 1995 and 2004, Leiter won ten or more games and never lost more than he won. In the 1997 World Series, Leiter started and won Game 7 over the Cleveland Indians, helping Florida win its first Fall Classic in franchise history. Leiter was traded to the New York Mets after this, where he spent the next seven years of his career. He won a career-high 18 games in 1998 and then led the Mets to a World Series appearance in 2000 against their crosstown rival New York Yankees. He finished his career in 2005 with 162 wins and over 2,000 strikeouts. Leiter was honored by MLB with the Branch Rickey Award in 1999 and the Roberto Clemente Award in 2000, both honors bestowed upon a player for their philanthropic efforts in the community. Since his retirement, Leiter has worked as a studio analyst at MLB Network and as a color commentator for the YES Network. He is also a board member at Major League Baseball Players Alumni Association.

Topics Include: Philanthropy; Inspiration; Anecdotal Baseball Stories;
Tim McCarver

Tim McCarver followed up a 21-year career on the diamond with one in the broadcast booth that is still going strong 35 years later. Best remembered as the catcher for St. Louis Cardinals teams that won World Series in 1964 and 1967, McCarver was a favorite receiver for the fiery Bob Gibson and also tutored a young Steve Carlton behind the dish. In the Cardinals 1964 World Series against the New York Yankees, McCarver hit the game-winning home run in a pivotal game 5 that gave St. Louis a 3-2 series lead. In 1967, McCarver turned in an MVP-caliber season and the Cardinals defeated the Boston Red Sox in one of baseball’s most storied World Series matchups. McCarver wound down his playing career with stints in Philadelphia, Montreal and Boston before retiring following the 1979 season. He began his career behind the microphone with WPHL-TV in Philadelphia, and by the 1990s he had earned the distinction of being the only MLB analyst to have worked for all four major broadcast networks. He wound up working 28 consecutive postseasons dating back to 1984, providing analysis for a record 23 World Series and 20 All-Star Games. From 2000 to 2002, he earned three consecutive Emmy Awards for “Outstanding Sports Event Analyst” and in 2012 he was honored with the National Baseball Hall of Fame and Museum’s Ford C. Frick Award. He stepped down from behind FOX’s microphone on a fulltime basis following the 2013 World Series, but still works as an analyst on select Cardinals broadcasts for FOX Sports Midwest.

Topics Include: Anecdotal Baseball Stories; Sports Broadcasting and Analysis;
Travels From: Florida
Fee Range: Call for Pricing

Jim Morris

Jim Morris’s improbable journey of becoming a major league pitcher at the age of 35 is best known via the 2002 Disney blockbuster The Rookie, starring Dennis Quaid. Morris’s journey to the majors seemed to be impossible after he was drafted in the 1983 amateur draft by the Milwaukee Brewers but could not advance past the single-A level due to reoccurring arm injuries. Morris retired from professional baseball and became a high school science teacher and baseball coach in Reagan County, Texas. Following through on a bet with his inexperienced team that surprised everyone by winning their district title, Morris attended an open tryout for the Tampa Bay Devil Rays and surprised scouts with his 98 mph fastball. Morris signed with the Devil Rays, ascended through the minor league ranks and made his major league debut against the Texas Rangers just three months later at the age of 35. Morris went on to make 16 major league appearances with the Rays, signed with the Los Angeles Dodgers the following season and then retired soon thereafter in 2001. Following retirement, Morris went onto release an autobiography, The Oldest Rookie, which served as the inspiration for the feature film. Morris currently travels the world as a sought after keynote speaker and has recently developed the Jim the Rookie Morris Foundation, which aims to give back to impoverished communities by hosting mini-sports camps, meals, and sports equipment to at risk youth.

Topics Include: Motivation; Inspiration; Integrity; Overcoming Adversity;
Travels From: Texas
Fee Range: Call for Pricing
Dale Murphy
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Dale Murphy and legendary New York Yankee Mickey Mantle share the distinction of being the only two centerfielders in baseball history to win back-to-back Most Valuable Player awards. By the time Murphy was 27 years old, he had already won the National League’s MVP award twice, in 1982 and 1983, making him the youngest player to ever win it in consecutive seasons. Widely regarded as one of the greatest players of his generation, Murphy made seven All-Star teams, took home five Gold Glove Awards and won four Silver Sluggers from 1980 to 1987. At the time of his retirement in 1993, he ranked third on the Braves all-time leaderboard in hits, home runs, runs batted in, runs scored and walks, trailing only Eddie Mathews and Hank Aaron. As a mark of his character, Murphy also won the Lou Gehrig Memorial Award in 1985, which honors the baseball player who best fits the image and character of The Iron Horse on and off the field. He also won the Roberto Clemente Award a year later, awarded to the player with high character and who makes charitable contributions to the community. Murphy, a father of eight, is also active on Twitter and broadcasts part-time for the Atlanta Braves.

Topics Include: Faith; Anecdotal Baseball Stories; Philanthropy;
Travels From: Utah
Fee Range: Call for Pricing

Jim Palmer *
@Jim22Palmer

A three-time Cy Young Award winner and three-time World Series champion, Palmer won 268 games over his 20-year career, all with the Baltimore Orioles. The righthander led the American League in wins for three straight seasons from 1975 to 1977, and was selected to six All-Star Teams. In 1966 as a 20-year-old, Palmer became the youngest pitcher to ever throw a shutout in a World Series game, and he is also the only pitcher to win Fall Classic games in three different decades. He was inducted into the National Baseball Hall of Fame in 1990 on the first ballot. Since his retirement, Palmer has worked on broadcasts for ABC and ESPN, and is entering his 20th season as an analyst for MASN, the Orioles broadcast partner. Palmer has also appeared in various advertisements over the years, including for Jockey brand men’s briefs, The Money Store and Nationwide Motors Corp. He has been regarded as the “perfect gentleman” by journalists and broadcasters.

Topics Include: Anecdotal Baseball Stories; Humorous Stories; Achieving Success;
Travels From: Maryland, Florida
Fee Range: Call for Pricing

Willie Randolph

Having won six World Series titles over the course of his professional baseball career, Willie Randolph understands what it takes to succeed at the highest level. Randolph, who was a six-time All-Star second baseman, won back-to-back World Series with the New York Yankees in 1977 and 1978 and later as a base and bench coach for the Yankees he earned rings in 1996, 1998, 1999 and 2000. Raised in Brooklyn, New York, Randolph was drafted by the Pittsburgh Pirates in the seventh round of the 1972 amateur draft straight out of Samuel J. Tilden High School and debuted for the Pirates in 1975 before he was traded to the Yankees that offseason. The Yankees installed Randolph as their starting second baseman to start the 1976 season and he responded by earning an All-Star selection. By 1978 Randolph had locked down the ‘two-hole’ atop the Yankees lineup and was considered one of the top second basemen in the American League thanks to his discerning eye at the plate and his strong work around the second base bag. Randolph never once struck out more times than he walked in any season, and while he never won a Gold Glove at second baseman he ranked among league leaders in fewest errors committed, assists, putouts and double plays turned. Randolph turned in his finest offensive season in 1980 when he made his third All-Star Team, stole 30 bases, set career highs with 99 runs scored and a .427 on base percentage, and also led the league with 119 walks. After 13 seasons in pin stripes Randolph signed with the Los Angeles Dodgers for the 1989 season and made his sixth and final All-Star appearance that season. After a trade to the Oakland Athletics part way through the 1990 season Randolph wrapped up his career with one-year stints with the Milwaukee Brewers and New York Mets.
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having compiled 2,210 hits, including 316 doubles, almost twice as many walks (1,243) and strikeouts (675) and a career .373 on-base percentage. Randolph returned to the Yankees organization as Assistant General Manager for the 1994 season before he transitioned to third base coach (1994 to 2003) and ultimately to bench coach under Joe Torre (2004) before he earned the opportunity to manage his childhood favorite New York Mets beginning in 2005. Under Randolph the Mets won a National League-best 97 games and their division in 2006, while also advancing to the N.L. Championship Series. The Mets’ record during Randolph’s three-plus seasons at the helm was 302-253, but after a slow start in 2008 Randolph was let go. He spent the next two seasons as Brewers bench coach and 2011 as bench coach and third base coach for the Baltimore Orioles before stepping away from coaching at the major league level. In 2013 Randolph was the third base coach for Team USA in the World Baseball Classic, and in 2017 he will once again be on the Team USA staff under manager Jim Leyland. Randolph currently resides in New Jersey with his wife.

Topics Include: Developing a Winning Culture; Inspiration; Motivation; Faith; Anecdotal Baseball Stories;
Travels From: New Jersey
Fee Range: Call for Pricing

Harold Reynolds

Primarily a second baseman throughout his 12-year career, Reynolds has gone from turning double plays on the field to analyzing them on television. Reynolds spent 10 seasons with the Seattle Mariners, starting in 1983. In 1987 he led the American League with 60 stolen bases and added 31 doubles, which earned him an All-Star selection. Reynolds made another All-Star team the following season, and also won the first of three consecutive Gold Glove awards. An elite fielder into the early 90’s, Reynolds appeared near or atop the leaderboard in assists, putouts, double plays turned and fewest errors among all second baseman. After retiring in 1995, Reynolds became a lead studio analyst on ESPN’s Baseball Tonight for ten years before joining MLB.com in 2007. Since MLB Network launched in 2009, Reynolds has been a prominent figure, appearing on various programming as an analyst and broadcaster. In 2012 Reynolds joined Fox Sports to work on its MLB on Fox pregame show and, following Tim McCarver’s retirement after the 2013 season, he joined Joe Buck and Tom Verducci to form the Network’s newest top broadcast team.

Topics Include: Inspiration; Motivation; Faith; Anecdotal Baseball Stories;
Travels From: New Jersey
Fee Range: Call for Pricing

Cal Ripken Jr.

Known as the “Iron Man” for shattering Lou Gehrig’s 56-year-old record of 2,130 consecutive games played in 1995, Cal Ripken Jr. is recognized as one of the most prolific shortstops in major league history. Drafted by the Baltimore Orioles out of Aberdeen High School in 1978, Ripken spent his 21-year career on the left side of the Orioles infield, first as a Gold Glove caliber shortstop and then as a third baseman. As a 21 year old, Ripken exploded onto the scene in 1982 when he won the American League Rookie of the Year award after hitting 28 home runs and driving in 93 runs. One year later he piloted the Orioles to their first World Series victory since 1970, took home AL Most Valuable Player honors and also made the first of what became a record 19 consecutive All-Star Teams as a shortstop. Ripken would appear twice more in the postseason in 1996 and 1997. The Iron Man’s iconic streak, which began on May 30, 1982 following a game of rest for the night cap of a doubleheader, would not end until September 20, 1998, when he sat himself down after a stretch of 2,632 consecutive games played. In 2001, his final season, Ripken was voted the starting third baseman for the AL All-Star Team. He homered in his first at-bat and went on to be named the game’s MVP. Ripken finished his illustrious career with a .276 batting average, 3,184 hits and 431 home runs. Ripken has been involved with various charitable and philanthropic endeavors, namely the Cal Ripken Sr. Foundation. He is also an accomplished businessman, owning several Minor League Baseball teams, and has authored over two dozen books, including an autobiography and books on coaching, parenting and motivation.
Bret Saberhagen
@BretSabes

By the time he was just 21 years old Bret Saberhagen had already accomplished what many hope to over an entire career. Drafted directly out of Grover Cleveland High School in Reseda, California by the Kansas City Royals in 1982, Saberhagen made his major league debut in 1984 and by 1985 he was the Royals ace. Saberhagen went 20-6 with a 2.87 earned run average during the 1985 regular season en route to winning the American League Cy Young Award. The Royals advanced to the World Series to face their cross-state rival St. Louis Cardinals and in the Series Saberhagen pitched a pair of complete games, including a shutout in the decisive game seven, to cap off his incredible age-21 season. He was named Most Valuable Player of the World Series. Saberhagen won a second Cy Young Award in 1989 after he led the A.L. with 23 wins, a 2.16 ERA and 12 complete games. After a pair of All-Star selections to go with his Cy Youngs, Saberhagen was traded to the New York Mets in 1992. Saberhagen made a third All-Star Team with the Mets in 1994. After a stint with the Colorado Rockies Saberhagen signed with the Boston Red Sox prior to the 1997 season. He finished his career in Boston in 2001 after repeated arm injuries limited his time on the field and hampered his performance. Saberhagen missed all of the 1996 season and most of 1997 due to injury but won 15 games in 1998 and was named The Sporting News Comeback Player of the Year and was also the recipient of the Tony Conigliaro Award. Saberhagen was enshrined into the Royals Hall of Fame in 2005 and since then he has spent time coaching high school baseball in the Greater Los Angeles Area, he has opened a sports entertainment facility in New York state and has remained philanthropically active through his work with The Bret Saberhagen Make a Difference Foundation.

Steve Sax
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Both an intense competitor and the personification of overcoming adversity, Steve Sax is a two-time World Series Champion and one of the more underrated second basemen of the 1980’s. Sax was drafted by the Los Angeles Dodgers in the ninth round of the 1978 Amateur Draft out of James Marshall High School in Sacramento, CA and by 1981 he had made his debut in the Dodgers infield alongside Steve Garvey, Ron Cey and Bill Russell. The Dodgers went on to win the World Series that year with modest contributions from Sax, but in 1982 he earned the starting job at second base and went on to win National League Rookie of the Year honors after he collected 180 hits and stole 49 bases. Sax also earned a spot on the N.L. All-Star Team in 1982, the only rookie named to either team that year. Sax’s intensity was always on display, shone through via broken batting helmets and dirt-stained jerseys. He was also a model of durability, playing in 150 or more games in nine of his first 11 full seasons in the majors, the first seven of which came with the Dodgers. Sax posted the best offensive season of his career in 1986 when he eclipsed the 200-hit plateau for the first time in his career and also collected 43 doubles, 40 stolen bases and a Silver Slugger award for his efforts. Sax and the Dodgers defeated the Oakland Athletics in the 1988 World Series, Sax’s second championship ring, after which the Dodgers traded Sax to the Yankees. Sax went on to earn another pair of All-Star nods over three seasons in the Bronx. Perhaps not best remembered for his speed on the base paths, Sax was second in stolen bases among all major leaguers in the eighties with 376, behind only Hall of Fame shortstop Ozzie Smith. Sax finished out the final three seasons of his career with the Chicago White Sox and Athletics before he retired after the 1994 season. Sax has remained busy post-retirement, between making several cameos on television
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Sax has also worked in the financial sector, including as a Vice President of Investments for the Royal Bank of Canada, managing professional athletes’ wealth. In 2010 Sax published the acclaimed motivational book *SHIFT: Change Your Mindset and you Change Your World* which focuses on harnessing the power of positivity. The book also focuses on Sax’s inexplicably high volume of throwing errors he endured early in his baseball career and how he overcame those demons and return to form as a strong defensive second baseman.

**Topics Include:** Changing your Mindset; Addressing your Fears; Developing Consistency; Conquering your Goals; Shift your Thinking; Maximizing your Workforce; Overcoming Adversity;

**Travels From:** California

**Fee Range:** Call for Pricing

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Curt Schilling
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One of the best postseason pitchers in Major League Baseball history, Curt Schilling won three World Series over his 20-year career, most notably in 2004 with the Boston Red Sox, breaking the “Curse of the Bambino” and ending an 86-year championship drought the franchise had endured. In 2001 Schilling won the first World Series of his career with the Arizona Diamondbacks, when he and fellow starting pitcher Randy Johnson were named co-Most Valuable Players in the Series win. In 2007, his final season in the majors, Schilling won a third World Series, again with the Red Sox. He retired with 216 regular season wins, 3,116 strikeouts and six All-Star appearances. Over his postseason career Schilling was 11-2 with a 2.23 ERA, the best of mark of any pitcher with at least 10 decisions. After stumping for John McCain in his 2008 Presidential run and Scott Brown for Massachusetts’ vacant Senate seat in 2009, Schilling joined ESPN as a baseball color analyst. Throughout his career and into his retirement, Schilling has raised money and awareness for the ALS (amyotrophic lateral sclerosis) Association through his own organization, Curt’s Pitch for ALS, and other avenues. In February, 2014, Schilling revealed that he had been diagnosed with mouth cancer. Six months later he announced that the cancer was in remission, and by the middle of September, he returned to the airwaves as the lead analyst on ESPN’s *Sunday Night Baseball*. Schilling remains active and engaging on Twitter and on his personal blog when he is not broadcasting. He currently resides in Massachusetts with his wife, Shonda, and their four children.

**Topics Include:** Overcoming Adversity; Philanthropy; Inspiration; Anecdotal Baseball Stories;

**Travels From:** Massachusetts

**Fee Range:** Call for Pricing

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Mike Schmidt*

Widely considered the greatest third baseman of all time, Mike Schmidt was inducted into the National Baseball Hall of Fame in 1995 with 96.52 percent of the vote, at the time the fourth highest percentage ever. Schmidt spent his entire 19-year career in a Philadelphia Phillies uniform, in which he won three Most Valuable Player awards, hit 548 home runs and won a World Series in 1980. Since his retirement in 1989, Schmidt has been heavily involved in numerous philanthropic efforts, including an annual fishing tournament he has hosted in The Bahamas since 2001 that raises money for cystic fibrosis research. He also released a branded wine, Mike Schmidt 548 Zinfandel, whose proceeds went to cystic fibrosis research. Schmidt has also supported the Janus School, the only independent non-profit day school in Central Pennsylvania dedicated to serving the needs of students with ADHD, Asperger’s syndrome, dyslexia and non-verbal learning difficulties. The Cincinnati native earned a Bachelor’s degree in business administration from Ohio University, where he is still recognized as the school’s most recognizable alumnus. Since 2014, Schmidt has provided color commentary on select Phillies telecasts.

**Topics Include:** Philanthropy; Motivation; Inspiration; Anecdotal Baseball Stories;

**Travels From:** Florida

**Fee Range:** Call for Pricing
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John Smoltz *

Inducted into the National Baseball Hall of Fame on the first ballot in 2015, Smoltz had a standout 22-year career that culminated in 213 wins and 154 saves. He is the only pitcher in MLB history to eclipse both 200 wins and 150 saves. He pitched 20 seasons for the Atlanta Braves, with whom he won the World Series in 1995 and the Cy Young Award in 1996. He was named an All-Star eight times and also won the Roberto Clemente Award in 2005. Since his retirement in 2009, Smoltz has excelled as a color analyst for TBS, Fox Sports South and MLB Network. He is also an accomplished golfer and is involved in various philanthropic endeavors.

Topics Include: Inspiration; Motivation; Philanthropy; Anecdotal Baseball Stories;
Travels From: Georgia
Fee Range: Call for Pricing

Darryl Strawberry @StrawMinistries

One of the most dynamic outfielders of his generation, Strawberry played for the New York Mets (1983 – 1990), New York Yankees (1995 – 1999) and Los Angeles Dodgers (1991 – 1993) over his 17-year career. An eight-time All-Star and four-time World Series champion (1986, 1996, 1998, 1999), Strawberry and Bobby Bonds are the only two players in Major League Baseball history to amass both 150 home runs and 150 stolen bases over their first six seasons. Strawberry struggled with substance abuse and depression during and after his career, and he has also overcome cancer. Since turning his life around Strawberry has become an ordained Christian minister and he spends a majority of his time spreading his motivational and inspirational message.

Topics include: Overcoming Adversity; Faith; Motivation;
Travels From: Florida
Fee Range: Call for Pricing

Frank Tanana

The other half of an intimidating and successful pitching duo featuring Nolan Ryan in the 1970’s, Tanana won 240 games over 21 big league seasons. A first round draft pick by the California Angels in 1971, he became a rotation stalwart alongside Ryan, compiling 100 wins and earning three trips to the All-Star Game between 1974 and 1980. The hard thrower led the American League in strikeouts in 1975 and turned in the finest season of his career in 1977 when he led Major League Baseball with a 2.54 ERA and the A.L. with seven shutouts. Following a one-year stint with the Boston Red Sox and four seasons with the Texas Rangers, he pitched eight seasons for the Detroit Tigers and won 10 or more games for them seven times. The Detroit native made playoff appearances in 1979 with the Angels and 1987 with the Tigers. In 2006 he was inducted into the Michigan Sports Hall of Fame. He has been a leader in the Christian community within professional baseball for many years, and he and his wife, Cathy, serve on the Pro Athletes Outreach Board of Directors and are involved in the Home Plate and Career Impact ministries.

Topics Include: Faith; Anecdotal Baseball Stories
Travels From: Michigan
Fee Range: Call for Pricing

Joe Torre *
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@JoeTorre

A figure as synonymous with developing a winning culture and sustaining championship-level success in sports as anyone, Joe Torre is arguably the most successful manager in Major League Baseball history. At the time of his retirement in 2010, Torre ranked fifth on the all-time managerial wins list with 2,326. Over the course of his 29-year managerial career Torre won four World Series titles with the New York Yankees between 1996 and 2000 and he also earned American League Manager of the Year honors twice during that span. Torre made his managerial debut with the New York Mets in May of 1977 when he became the first player-manager in the majors since 1959. He went on to manage the Mets until 1981. Following stints as manager of the Atlanta Braves (1982 to 1984) and a California Angels broadcaster (1985 to 1989), Torre returned to the bench in 1990, this time with a former team of his, the St. Louis Cardinals. Torre managed the Cardinals through the 1995 season before he signed with the Yankees and cemented his legacy as a great tactician and leader of men. During his 12-year tenure at the helm of the Yankees, Torre led the Bronx Bombers to 1,173 victories, a .605 winning percentage and six trips to the World Series. After his unprecedented run as Yankees skipper, Torre managed the Los Angeles Dodgers for three seasons before transitioning to an executive role in Major League Baseball. Not to be overshadowed by his managerial success, Torre enjoyed a 17-year playing career with the Milwaukee/Atlanta Braves, St. Louis Cardinals and New York Mets. Torre compiled a lifetime .297 batting average, accumulated 2,342 hits and 252 home runs, and hit over .300 five times. He was a nine-time All-Star and was named the National League’s 1971 Most Valuable Player. Since February 2011 Torre has served as MLB’s Executive Vice President for Baseball Operations, overseeing Major League Operations, On-Field Operations, On-Field Discipline and Umpiring. He serves as the Office of the Commissioner’s primary liaison to the general managers and field managers. Since December 2009, he has served on the Commissioner’s Special Committee for On-Field Matters. In 2010 Torre was appointed by President Barack Obama to serve on the National Advisory Committee on Violence Against Women and since October 2011 he has served as Co-Chair of the US Justice Department’s National Task Force on Children Exposed to Violence. The Joe Torre Safe At Home Foundation, which he and his wife Ali launched in 2002, develops educational programs geared to end the cycle of domestic violence and save lives. Since its inception the Foundation has educated thousands of students, parents, teachers and school faculty about the devastating effects of domestic violence. Torre is also the co-author of three books: The Yankee Years (2009), Chasing the Dream: My Lifelong Journey to the World Series (1998) and Joe Torre’s Ground Rules for Winners: 12 Keys to Managing Team Players, Tough Bosses, Setbacks and Success (1999).

Topics Include: Business Growth/Strategy; Coaching; Peak Performance; Children’s Issues; Motivation
Travels From: California
Fee Range: Call for Pricing

Bobby Valentine
@BobbyValentine

Bobby Valentine’s time as a player and manager in the United States and in Japan serve as the pillars of an impressive career in professional baseball that spanned 43 years. A two sport star in football and baseball in Connecticut, Valentine committed to baseball after he enrolled at University of Southern California in 1967. Valentine spent one season at USC and was then drafted fifth overall by the Los Angeles Dodgers in the 1968 amateur draft. Valentine spent 10 seasons in the majors playing for the Dodgers, California Angels, San Diego Padres, New York Mets and Seattle Mariners, appearing at every position on the field except for the pitcher. After the 1979 season Valentine retired as player then quickly reemerged in the majors as a coach for the New York Mets. By the time 1985 rolled around, Valentine had been tabbed as the newest manager of the Texas Rangers and embarked on a seven year run in Arlington. After a year-long stint as manager of the Mets Triple-A affiliate Norfolk Tides, Valentine in 1995 became the first American to accept a managerial position in the Japanese Pacific League. After a successful season of steering the Chiba Lotte Marines, Valentine returned stateside to manage the Tides for the 1996 season. Midway through that season Valentine was promoted to manager of the Mets, a post he would hold through the 2002 season. Under Valentine the Mets returned to the postseason in 1999 for the first time since 1988, and one season later he piloted the team to their first World Series appearance since 1986. Valentine’s career went full circle in 2005 when he returned to the Marines for a second stint as manager. Valentine piloted the Marines to the 2005 Japan Series Championship, and during his tenure in Japan he also introduced innovative promotional
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efforts which ultimately doubled the franchise’s attendance at home games. Valentine spent four more seasons at the helm of the Marines before he returned to the States in ESPN’s broadcast booth as an analyst for the 2009 MLB playoffs. He remained in the booth until he was named manager of the Boston Red Sox prior to the 2012 season. Valentine managed the Red Sox for one season before he stepped away from baseball to become Executive Director of Intercollegiate Athletics at Sacred Heart University and develop the school’s fledgling athletic program. Valentine also continues to make a philanthropic impact throughout his community – in 2002 Valentine was awarded the Branch Rickey Award for his donations and personal work for the survivors of the September 11th terrorist attacks in New York City. Valentine is married to Mary Branca, the daughter of the late Brooklyn Dodgers pitcher Ralph Branca. The two have one son together.

Topics Include: Professional and Business Development Strategies; Motivational Messages;
Travels From: Connecticut
Fee Range: Call for Pricing

Matt Williams

An All-Star, Gold Glove award winner and World Series champion, Matt Williams made his mark on Major League Baseball both at the plate and in the field. Drafted by the San Francisco Giants out of the University of Nevada at Las Vegas in 1986, Williams made his major league debut a year later and by 1990 he was an All-Star-caliber third baseman, hitting 33 home runs and leading the National League with 122 runs batted in. He would go on to eclipse the 30 home run plateau five more times in his career. After an exceptional 10-year stint with the Giants that featured four All-Star selections, three Gold Gloves, an NL home run crown and a World Series appearance, Williams was traded to the Cleveland Indians, where he brought them to the brink of a World Series win against the Florida Marlins in 1997. In 1999, with the Arizona Diamondbacks, Williams made his fourth All-Star team and finished third in the NL’s Most Valuable Player voting after hitting 35 home runs and driving in 142 runs. In 2001, Williams won a World Series with the Diamondbacks when they defeated the New York Yankees in seven games. Williams retired as a player following the 2003 season with 378 career home runs, which at the time were the fifth-most of any third baseman in the modern era. Williams returned to the Diamondbacks organization in 2010 as a coach under manager Kirk Gibson. Following the 2013 season, Williams was named the fifth manager in Washington Nationals history, following Davey Johnson’s retirement from the position, and led the team to its second-ever National League East Division title.

Topics Include: Anecdotal Baseball Stories; Developing a Winning Attitude; Team Building;
Travels From: Arizona
Fee Range: Call for Pricing

Mookie Wilson

Over his 12-year career Mookie Wilson made four postseason appearances, but his first will always be the most memorable. With the New York Mets facing the Boston Red Sox and elimination in Game 6 of the 1986 World Series, Wilson avoided getting hit by a wild pitch during his 10th inning at-bat that plated the game-tying run. Later in that at-bat Wilson grounded a ball that trickled under first baseman Bill Buckner’s glove and allowed the winning run to score. In a victorious Game 7 two nights later, Wilson scored a run and reached base four times, cementing his World Series legacy. Wilson also played three seasons with the Toronto Blue Jays before he retired following the 1991 season. A career .276 hitter with the Mets, Wilson’s 281 stolen bases and 62 triples were franchise records until 2008, when Jose Reyes broke the records. The Mets inducted Wilson into their Hall of Fame in 1996, the same year he earned a bachelor’s degree from Mercy College in New York. Wilson has worked for the Mets organization in a number of capacities since his retirement, most notably as their first base coach from 1996 to 2002 and again in 2011. Since 2012 he has served in a community relations capacity for the Mets. Recognized as a man of humility, honor and Faith among his peers, Wilson and his wife opened an educational center for girls in the 80’s. He has also released a Gospel album and written a book, Mookie: Life, Baseball, and the ’86 Mets, which was released in 2014.
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Topics Include: Motivation; Philanthropy; Team Building; Anecdotal Baseball Stories;

Travels From: South Carolina

Fee Range: Call for Pricing

Dave Winfield *
@DaveWinfieldHOF

Hailed as one of the greatest athletes ever to play professional sports, Dave Winfield never spent a day in the minor leagues. A Williams Scholar at the University of Minnesota where he played Big Ten basketball and was an All-American in baseball, Winfield was voted Most Valuable Player of the 1973 College World Series as a pitcher and was then drafted number one overall by the San Diego Padres. Winfield spent the first eight seasons of his career with the Padres before signing with the New York Yankees during the 1980 offseason. In his prime years, Winfield made 12 consecutive All-Star teams, through his age 36 season in 1988. He was not only a force at the plate, as noted by his five Silver Slugger awards, but Winfield also excelled in the outfield, earning seven Gold Glove awards too. Later in his career, Winfield drove in the winning run of the 1992 World Series for the Toronto Blue Jays and then returned to his native Minnesota two seasons later and reached the 3,000-hit milestone as a member of the Twins. He retired at age 43 after 22 major league seasons under his belt with 3,110 hits and 465 home runs. In 2001, his first year of eligibility, Winfield was inducted into the Baseball Hall of Fame with 84.5 percent of the votes. Long-known for his philanthropic endeavors, Winfield became the first professional athlete to create a 501(c)(3) charitable foundation while still an active player – something that has been copied by fellow professional athletes since. The Winfield Foundation provided healthcare services, nutritional counseling, scholarships, computer literacy, and holiday dinners to children and families in need across the country. In recognition of his longstanding work throughout the community, both during and after his playing career, Winfield has received honorary Doctorate of Laws from both Syracuse University and Thomas Jefferson School of Law. In recent years Winfield has focused his efforts on assisting organizations reach their business and charitable goals through keynote presentations and lectures. Winfield is also an accomplished author – he has published numerous books, been a syndicated columnist, and is also a frequent contributor in the New York Times and Los Angeles Times. He currently serves as Special Assistant to Tony Clark, the Executive Director of the Major League Baseball Players Association.

Topics Include: It’s a Game, a Science and your Business: Your Winning Game Plan; Live a Hall of Fame Life: Your own Pathway to Promise; The 5 Levels: From Aspiration to Achievement;

Travels From: California

Fee Range: Call for Pricing

Tony Womack

Best known for his heroics in the 2001 World Series, Tony Womack spent 13 seasons in Major League Baseball, terrorizing base paths along the way. Six years after he was selected by the Pittsburgh Pirates in the seventh round of the 1991 first year player draft, Womack burst onto the major league scene as a rookie in 1997. As the Pirates leadoff hitter he had 178 hits, including 26 doubles and led all National Leaguers with 60 stolen bases en route to earning an All-Star selection. After another successful campaign in Pittsburgh in 1998, Womack was traded to the Arizona Diamondbacks prior to the 1999 season. He wound up leading the N.L. in stolen bases for a third consecutive year that season, swiping 72 bags. Womack would cement his Diamondbacks legacy in the 2001 postseason. With Arizona trailing the New York Yankees 2-1 in the bottom of the ninth inning in Game Seven of the World Series, Womack smacked a double off closer Mariano Rivera to tie the game. Two batters later, teammate Luis Gonzalez singled in the winning run and the Diamondbacks won the Fall Classic in dramatic fashion. Womack would spend two more seasons in Arizona before being moved to the Colorado Rockies, then eventually retired in 2006. He finished his career with 1,353 hits and 363 stolen bases. Womack currently lives in the Charlotte, NC area with his wife and remains active in the community.
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Topics Include: Motivation; Team Building; Anecdotal Baseball Stories;
Travels From: North Carolina
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^ Denotes Active Major League Baseball Player