



Dear Alumni and Friends of Amherst Baseball,

This newsletter recaps the fall and winter alumni events and looks ahead to the spring season! In 2014 we return a group of experienced players and welcome many talented first-year players. In addition to defending our NESCAC Championship this spring, we have many events scheduled for our alumni that will get you excited for the season to come!

In August, we will travel to Japan for the Amherst/Doshisha Baseball Cultural Exchange this summer. The overarching focus of traveling to Japan is to create an opportunity for our students, faculty, staff, and alumni to achieve a meaningful understanding of Japan through activities that include athletics, academics, and cultural activities. The planning and fundraising for the cultural exchange is a massive undertaking, please consider taking a leadership role in supporting the tour or by attending the celebration event on April 5.

Japan Baseball Tour Celebration Event April 5, Amherst College

- Double-header vs. Williams 1:00 p.m.
- BBQ at Memorial Field 3:00 p.m.
- Lecture Series: Baseball in Japan TBD
- Japan Tour Dinner Celebration 7:00 p.m.

To learn more about the tour go to:
<http://amherstbaseball.wordpress.com>



Players celebrate after beating Wesleyan in 13 innings in the 2nd Round of the 2013 NESCAC Tournament.

5th Annual Networking Night – NYC



Players and coaches with Rob McGlarry '90 and Mitch Williams at the MLB Network Studios

Networking Night has developed into much more than a networking event. A high percentage of our recent graduates attend to see their former teammates, while older alumni take the opportunity to catch up with each other. We've also added new alumni faces to the regular attendees. Our coaches and players appreciate the opportunity for our players to receive valuable career advice and to better get to know our alumni.

Prior to the networking event, our players took advantage of a day in the City; some of our players from the south and west coast had never been to NYC. Rob McGlarry '90 hosted our coaches and a group of players at the MLB Network Studios. The group toured the studios, watched a segment of Hot Stove Live, and met with Tony Petitti (President & CEO), Ron Darling, and Mitch Williams. The players finished the visit with whiffle ball home run derby in Studio 42.

Thank you to Len Samela '73, Rich Thompson '80, John Batt '93, and Mark DeWaele '79 for helping to offset the cost of the event. My goal is to have an alumn or class sponsor the entire Networking Night event. If you or your class is interested becoming a sponsor, please contact me.

To support Amherst athletic teams, donate at:
<https://www.amherst.edu/give/athletics>

Coach Thurston Inducted into Western Mass Baseball Hall of Fame

Congratulations to Coach Thurston who joins the inaugural class of the Western Massachusetts Baseball Hall of Fame. The induction ceremony took place in Springfield, MA where Coach was surrounded by family, friends, and alumni to celebrate this accomplishment. Coach Thurston is also in the American Baseball Coaches Association Hall of Fame and the Main Baseball Coaches Hall of Fame.

Coach has returned to work with the team this season. He will serve as a mentor to our Hitchcock Fellow and pitching coach, Bob Cook'13, and he will work directly with our pitchers.

Springfield Republican article on Coach Thurston:
http://www.masslive.com/sports/index.ssf/2014/01/bill_thurston_and_amherst_coll.html



Coaches and alumni celebrate with Coach Thurston during the Western Mass Baseball Hall of Fame banquet



John Couture '92 Inducted into Bristol Sports Hall of Fame

Congratulations to John for being inducted into the Bristol Sports Hall of Fame! John joins other baseball alumni Dave Cichon '70 and Bobby Jones '71.

Stay in Touch

The purpose of this newsletter is to keep our alumni informed about the program and about each other. Please let us know what you are up to and send pictures for us to put in the newsletter.

In addition to the newsletter, there are other ways for you to stay informed about the team and events.

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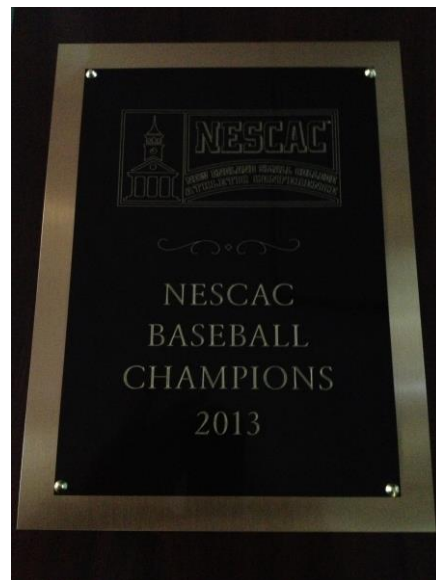
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Thank you for all your support in 2013. We look forward to seeing you in 2014 as we defend our NESCAC Championship!

This fall and winter our players continued the tradition of doing their part to raise money for the Florida trip and program events. This is something that we have always done together and that is a source of pride for the team. This fall, we continued our fundraising efforts by parking cars at football games and running an instructional recruiting clinic. In the winter, we hosted a baseball clinic for youth baseball and a workshop for Little League coaches.

Everything we do, from our service projects to alumni-student engagement to the way that we practice, will influence our performance on the field in significant ways. Thank you for your support throughout the year. We hope to see you at a game this spring.