



The world will know, League of YES players ROCK!

BASEBALL NEWS

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IT'S A NEW FIELD!

Monday, December 7, 2015: With the support of Ed Mangano and Nassau County Parks, ground was broken at Eisenhower Park to build the first of it's kind, Handicapped Accessible Sports Field. Mr. Mangano and his staff fully believe that every child no matter their "Ability" deserve the right to play sports. This sports complex is the first of it's kind in Nassau county.

The League of YES will bring baseball to this new field in the spring of 2016. Located at the Stewart/Merrick Ave. entrance to Eisenhower Park, the new field will enable special needs players of all ages to be a part of the great game of baseball and more. Executive Director Kristine Fitzpatrick of the League of YES is very excited to have the inaugural baseball game played on April 30, 2016. "We are beyond grateful for this amazing opportunity. We would like to thank Mr. Mangano and his staff for believing in our mission", says Executive Director Fitzpatrick.

Check the website www.leagueofyes.com for more information about the League of YES and photos of the construction progress.



The new League of YES sign at the Farmingville, New York baseball field.

LEAGUE OF YES INAUGURAL SEASON: THE FUTURE IS NOW

On Saturday, May 2, 2015, the League of YES became official as all our players took the field for a new season of baseball. Suddenly the League of YES was more than an idea, discussions, planning and dreams. It was more than a bunch of legal documents. Once known as the Miracle League of Long Island, the League of YES has morphed into something bigger and has plans to grow and offer more to the special needs community. It is not just because every child deserves the opportunity to play baseball. It's also to be places where **You Experience Success**.

Seven teams of returning players and new, previous Coaches and new recruits, their families and another 85 BUDDYs came together to celebrate the opportunity to play America's pastime. Throughout the six week spring season and into the fall, over 200 players came out to the field in Farmingville, Long Island to enjoy the fun and excitement they have all come to know with the League of YES. We had over 1,000 volunteers come to the field to be BUDDYs in our first year. Combining the two, the League of YES had a fantastic inaugural season. If the first year is any indication, the future looks very bright.

To 2016 and beyond!



Now, it's nothing more than a field. In just mere months, it going to be a sports complex!!



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ST. JOHN'S COMMUNITY SERVICE DAY

QUEENS, N.Y. - The St. John's baseball team made its sixth-annual visit to the League of YES as part of University Service Day on Saturday, Sept. 26. The League of YES, formerly known as The Miracle League, is a charitable organization that provides the opportunity for children with disabilities to play baseball.

"Service is a cornerstone of the mission here at St. John's and our players have embraced their opportunity to give back," said head coach Ed Blankmeyer. "Working with the League of YES over the years has been a great experience for our players and we are honored to be involved with such a great organization."

The Red Storm players each served as a BUDDY, an acronym for "Because Unbelievable Dedication Deserves YOU!" The roles of a BUDDY include encouraging the children, helping them bat and guiding them around the bases.

The League of YES serves to establish and sustain baseball programs for children with disabilities and provide an opportunity for those individuals to experience the joy and benefits that come from playing our national pastime. The league aims to help players develop social skills and increase self-esteem, while promoting community support and sponsorship for the league.



ST. JOHN'S

LEAGUE OF YES DAY
AT ST. JOHN'S WOMEN'S BASKETBALL

ST. JOHN'S vs. GEORGETOWN
Sunday, February 14 • 2 p.m. • Carnesecca Arena

The first 1,500 fans in attendance will receive a FREE pink beanie!

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SAVE THE DATE: ST. JOHN'S BASKETBALL

Every League of YES player and their families have been invited by the St. John's University Women's Basketball team to attend their game against Xavier University on Sunday, February 14, 2016. The St. John's Fraternity and Sorority Community has offered to provide two handicap accessible buses to the stadium and back for up to 100 people. The Interfraternal Council will also be providing lunch at the stadium before the game while LOY players meet players from a number of different St. John's athletics teams.

For even more fun, the hope is to bring the kids out during halftime to honor them and to create a tunnel of high fives with the WBB Team and members of our Fraternity and Sorority Community! For the first 500 students and League of YES participants, they will be giving out a red STJ/League of YES T-Shirt. After the game the League of YES players will get to meet the Women's Basketball team and have an autograph session before we get back on the buses for the trip back. Sign Up Now!



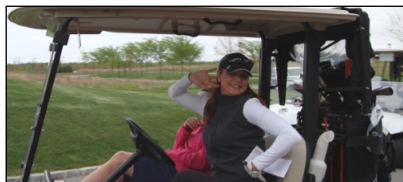


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SAVE THE DATE: 4TH ANNUAL GOLF OUTING IS JUNE 16TH, 2016

Picture a beautiful spring day. The sun is out, the greens are perfectly manicured and you are having the game of your life. Every shot has been dead, solid, perfect. Now picture this; you are doing it for a cause. You are doing it to help raise money so individuals with special needs can play baseball. Join in for a great day of golf, food, drink, music and fun all in the name of the League of YES. More info on the web.



2016 GALA

The League of YES Gala is where we try get together to thank everyone involved in making the league a success over the past year. Some people have generously given financially. Some have provided extremely valuable guidance. Most have given tremendous amounts of time and energy to ensure players with disabilities have a place to learn, grow, feel part of a team and to have fun playing baseball. Please join us for an evening with great people and the love and dedication they promote.

 *Save the Date*

2016 Awards Gala
March 24, 2016
6:30 p.m. - 10:30 p.m.
Crest Hollow Country Club
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THE SKILLS TEAM PRESENTS "BASEBALL UNDER THE LIGHTS"

Friday night, June 16th, 2015 the talented players of the League of YES Skills Team got together to show off their baseball prowess for their families and friends. The place; Farmingdale State University's baseball stadium. The participants; twenty players, their BUDDYs from Hank's Yanks, their Coaches and their Trainers from Matt Guiliano's Play Like A Pro. The event is called "Baseball Under The Lights" and it's a special showcase for the players who have worked hard all year long to play more like big leaguers as well as playing on a big stage.

Parents, friends and baseball fans alike got to enjoy the game from the stands, nosh on popcorn and cotton candy and bid on multiple donated items to the Chinese Auction. (Did someone say Shania Twain tickets?!) All in all, thanks to the Athletic Department and grounds crew at Farmingdale State, the staff at Event Kings and of course Mother Nature who all helped to create the perfect surroundings for the game. Each player on the Skills team went home with a giant trophy and wonderful memories as did everyone in attendance.

The League of YES Skills Team is a group of the older, more able players who are learning baseball skills on a regular baseball field and indoor training facility throughout the year. Aided by players and Coaches from Hank's Yanks traveling baseball team and the training staff from Matt Guiliano's Play Like A Pro, the Skills players are learning about baseball and more. Coach Matt Guiliano and his training staff are teaching the players proper stretching exercises, fielding and running techniques and proficiency with the bat. The players are not only increasing their baseball abilities, they are also growing as individuals, gaining self-confidence and increasing their ability to focus. In turn, they are reminding all of us in the program that baseball is all about fun.



HELP WANTED: BASEBALL COACHES

WE WANT YOU!

The League of YES is now recruiting Coaches for the 2016 spring and fall seasons for both the Suffolk and Nassau county fields. You must be energetic, enthusiastic, creative and willing to devote a couple hours a week to some of the greatest people on the planet as they play baseball for six Saturdays each spring and fall season. Duties include: looking good holding a clip board, having fun, cheering great players, and communicating League of YES propaganda to your new team of players and their families. Prior experience or knowledge of baseball is not necessary. However, any experience herding cats or similar controlled chaos know-how is a definite plus. We pay with smiles and laughter. (You will also receive a fancy, Limited Edition Coach shirt and hat) Please contact Field Director Greg Cooke for more information: Greg@leagueofyes.com



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BASBALL WITH SANTA IS HUGE. ADD STONY BROOK ATHLETICS & IT'S SPECTACULAR!



On Saturday, December 5th, Santa Claus didn't just come to town, he came to the Gym. He came to see some League of YES baseball and its players. Our players did not disappoint him either as they all played their hearts out for Santa and the opportunity to speak with him. Players and staff from Stony Brook University's Athletic Department teamed up to offer their gym for the days events and the special visit. The day started with bagels, juice and coffee generously donated to the League of YES by Bagel Express of East Setauket. With breakfast over, the players, their families and Stony Brook athletes buddied up for their game while one by one, League of YES players were escorted in to see the big man himself. A great time was had by all. Players had a great game, BUDDYs had a fulfilling experience and Santa got an ear full.

After the baseball game and Santa visit all interested players and family members were invited to the Men's Basketball game against Princeton University. In addition, Executive Director Kristine Fitzpatrick, P.R. Director Kelly Walsh and "Spokes Model"/Superstar Player Brittany Fox presented Stony Brook Athletics with a plaque in sincere thanks for their continued support of the League of YES.



BIG OR SMALL, YOU CAN DONATE MANY WAYS

The League of YES has joined with multiple organizations and businesses to enable our fans and followers to contribute to their favorite charity in new and creative ways. We teamed up with Amazon.com over a year ago so we can receive a portion of every sale made through Amazon Smile. In the near future we will also have an account with eBay so buyers and sellers can contribute a portion of the sale to the League of YES. During certain times of the year PayPal will contribute an additional 1% of your charitable donations to the League of YES when they are made through PayPal. Check the web-site for further information on all donation avenues.



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