Dear Friends and Colleagues:

Baseball’s ability to bring people together is one of the virtues that has long made it our National Pastime. The game affords all of us with countless opportunities to create memories for fans and to impact the causes that are important to them. For Major League Baseball and its 30 Clubs, this unique stature represents a true privilege — one that we honor.

MLB’s 2017 Community Affairs Report highlights the many ways in which our game strives to be a sound corporate citizen. All of our Clubs are firmly committed to making a difference in their communities. Together, our Clubs and players shine a light on worthy causes, individuals and organizations throughout the season. Centrally, MLB has formed core partnerships with Boys & Girls Clubs of America, Stand Up To Cancer and the Jackie Robinson Foundation. Imparting their values is vital to us. In our ongoing focus on youth baseball and softball participation, we consistently emphasize the need for young people to become constructive members of their communities.

Baseball entertains and intrigues from Spring Training through the World Series. At its very best, our game also has the ability to inspire. Our Community Affairs Report exemplifies the spirit of service that links all of us throughout Major League Baseball.

Sincerely,

Robert D. Manfred, Jr.
Commissioner of Baseball
JACKIE ROBINSON FOUNDATION

Major League Baseball announced the expansion of its financial commitment and partnership with the Jackie Robinson Foundation (JRF) beginning with the 2016–17 academic year. MLB will support 30 four-year JRF scholarships — one for each MLB Club (see pages 34–39) — and contribute $1 million to the Foundation’s Jackie Robinson Museum project.

Additionally, MLB and JRF will engage JRF Scholars to mentor participants in MLB’s youth and community partnerships, including Reviving Baseball in Inner Cities (RBI), MLB Youth Academies and MLB-supported Boys & Girls Clubs of America programs.

JACKIE ROBINSON DAY

On April 15, 1947, Jackie Robinson broke Major League Baseball’s color barrier by stepping onto Ebbets Field to play for the Brooklyn Dodgers. In 1997, 50 years after his debut, Robinson’s number was retired across the league, an unprecedented occurrence in professional sports. Since 2004, MLB has celebrated April 15 as Jackie Robinson Day, with all players and on-field personnel wearing No. 42.

Highlights of 2016 Jackie Robinson Day included festivities at Dodger Stadium with Dodgers Owner Magic Johnson; Jackie’s wife, Rachel Robinson; Jackie’s daughter, Sharon Robinson; and Jackie Robinson Foundation scholars and alumni. Dave Roberts, the first African-American manager in Dodgers history, caught the ceremonial first pitch from Frank Robinson (no relation), the first-ever African-American manager in Major League Baseball.

In April, documentarian Ken Burns directed and produced a new MLB-supported Jackie Robinson documentary, which aired on PBS just before Jackie Robinson Day.
BREAKING BARRIERS:
IN SPORTS,
IN LIFE

Breaking Barriers: In Sports, In Life was developed by MLB, Scholastic and Sharon Robinson, MLB educational programming consultant, author and the daughter of baseball great Jackie Robinson. Using baseball as a metaphor for life, the curriculum is based on the values demonstrated by Jackie Robinson: Citizenship, Commitment, Courage, Determination, Excellence, Integrity, Justice, Persistence and Teamwork. The Breaking Barriers Essay Contest provides an opportunity for students in grades 4 through 9 to submit an essay about barriers they have faced or are still facing in their lives, and how they use Jackie’s values to overcome those obstacles.

Kendal Young, a fifth grader from Spring Lake, Mich., and Sadie Chamberlain, an eighth grader from West Burke, Vt., were selected as Grand Prize winners from more than 17,000 entries in 2016. Kendal wrote about living as one of the few African-Americans in her community, while Sadie described overcoming stereotypes related to her cerebral palsy. Sharon joined Kendal during the MLB All-Star Game in San Diego and greeted Sadie at Game 3 of the 2016 World Series in Chicago. Both girls were recognized on the field.

To celebrate its 20th anniversary in 2016, the program doubled its winners to 20, and past winners participated in pregame celebrations at Dodger Stadium on Jackie Robinson Day with Sharon and Rachel Robinson.

The Jackie Robinson Foundation Scholarship Program provides financial assistance and mentoring services to highly motivated students attending colleges and universities, resulting in a graduation rate near 100 percent throughout the Foundation’s 43-year history.

When it opens in New York City, the Jackie Robinson Museum will chronicle the baseball legend’s storied athletic career, as well as his enduring impact across society, through state-of-the-art exhibits, artifacts, film and other media. The Museum will host lectures, concerts and interactive online activities. The Jackie Robinson Museum Legacy Campaign has raised $21 million toward a $24-million construction goal.
The Roberto Clemente Award is given annually to the Major League Baseball player who combines a dedication to giving back to the community with outstanding skills on the ballfield. Named for Roberto Clemente, the Pittsburgh Pirates legend who died in a plane crash on New Year’s Eve 1972 while attempting to deliver supplies to earthquake victims in Nicaragua, the award pays tribute to Clemente’s achievements and character by recognizing talented current players who truly understand the value of helping others. Each Club nominates one player annually to receive the award.

Granderson joins a distinguished list of national Roberto Clemente Award recipients, which includes 16 members of the National Baseball Hall of Fame:

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The 30 Club nominees for the 2016 Roberto Clemente Award featured seven 2016 MLB All-Stars (* denotes 2016 MLB All-Star):

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To enhance Roberto Clemente Day in 2016 and celebrate Clemente’s enduring legacy, Major League Baseball worked with its 30 Clubs to establish Seat 21. On Roberto Clemente Day in September, the campaign dedicated a seat in each ballpark to a well known or local community hero, who was recognized in addition to the Club’s nominee for the Clemente Award (opposite, top).
FORT BRAGG GAME

In celebration of the nation’s service members, the Atlanta Braves and the Miami Marlins played a regular-season game at Fort Bragg on July 3. One of the busiest military complexes worldwide, Fort Bragg is home to the legendary 82nd Airborne Division, the XVIII Airborne Corps, the U.S. Army Special Operations Command, the U.S. Army Forces Command, the U.S. Army Reserve Command, and the U.S. Army Parachute Team, the Golden Knights. By population, the North Carolina base is the largest Army installation in the world, home to nearly 10 percent of the U.S. Army’s active component forces.

Jointly supported by Major League Baseball and the Major League Baseball Players Association, the event marked the first professional baseball game ever played on an active military base. Following the game, the newly built Fort Bragg Field — which had a seating capacity of 12,500 — was converted to a multi-purpose recreational facility for those who serve at the base, as a gift from Major League Baseball, its Clubs and players.

As part of the weekend, Commissioner Manfred, MLBPA Executive Director Tony Clark, and players, coaches, and alumni from both the Atlanta Braves and Miami Marlins took part in several off-field activities, including a Play Ball event and visits to the Fisher House, Womack Army Medical Center, Parachute Packing Facility and the 2nd Brigade Combat Team/18th Fires Brigade Dining Facility.
COMMISSIONER’S COMMUNITY INITIATIVE AND MLB & PLAYERS GIVE BACK

MLB is committed to ensuring that all fans have an opportunity to attend a Major League game. The Commissioner’s Community Initiative and MLB & Players Give Back, a partnership between Major League Baseball and the Major League Baseball Players Association, each provide free tickets to children, charities, and community and civic groups each year. Through the programs, MLB Clubs distributed close to 2.5 million tickets in 2016.

12 DAYS OF GIVING

Commissioner Manfred welcomed the Gonzalez family to the MLB offices as part of Boys & Girls Clubs of America’s 12 Days of Giving campaign in December. During each of the 12 Days of Giving, celebrities showered holiday love on families in need around the country. Yankees pitcher CC Sabathia, ballet dancer Misty Copeland, boxing great Evander Holyfield, NBA Hall of Famer Dominique Wilkins and Oscar winner Denzel Washington were among the stars who also participated. The Commissioner surprised the family with a suite full of holiday gifts, and Hall of Famer Joe Torre, MLB’s Chief Baseball Officer, also surprised the guests.
NEW YORK CARES COAT DRIVE

Once again, Major League Baseball supported the annual New York Cares Coat Drive, collecting new or gently used coats for distribution to men, women and children at homeless shelters throughout New York City.

The 2016 efforts resulted in the distribution of more than 225 coats to neighbors in need.

WE SHALL NOT FORGET

Major League Baseball commemorated the 15th anniversary of Sept. 11, 2011, with tributes at all Major League games. The remembrance is part of baseball’s ongoing effort to honor those whose lives were lost and affected on that tragic day. MLB proceeds from sales of customized caps with the American flag patch were donated to the National September 11 Memorial and Museum, the Pentagon Memorial Fund and the Flight 93 National Memorial.

BASEBALL ASSISTANCE TEAM

The Baseball Assistance Team (B.A.T.) is a unique nonprofit organization created to help members of the baseball family in need. For 31 years, the charity has provided medical, financial and psychological assistance, thanks to corporate, foundation and individual funding. The majority of funds raised by B.A.T. comes from players who contribute annually through a payroll deduction program.

In 2016, MLB players, managers and coaches contributed $2.8 million. Since 1986, B.A.T. has awarded more than $35 million in grants benefiting more than 3,600 participants. All aid provided by B.A.T. is strictly confidential, allowing those in need to receive help discreetly. For more information, visit baseballassistanceteam.com.
NEW YORK CARES WINTER WISHES
For 15 years, Major League Baseball has participated in the New York Cares Winter Wishes program. In 2016, MLB employees granted the holiday wishes of 135 kids from Kips Bay Boys & Girls Club — Castle Hill Unit. As part of the program, Major League Baseball also treated 35 boys and girls from the Club to a night of holiday fun, including dinner and a photo opp with the World Series trophy at MLB Network studios. The youth enjoyed a magic show and an appearance from MLB Network talent. Mr. Met acted as Santa and distributed presents to the kids along with a contingent of elves.

NEW YORK CARES SPRING CLEAN UP
On a Saturday afternoon in April, Major League Baseball completed two projects in the New York community in partnership with New York Cares.

MLB employees first volunteered their time toward a mural beautification project along a pedestrian path in the Bronx. The mural is situated near Lou Gehrig Plaza, in the shadow of Yankee Stadium.

The second project took place at the Roberto Clemente Community Garden, where local residents grow vegetables. MLB volunteers removed garbage and debris, laid mulch, and set up the garden for years of future success.

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FOOD PACKAGING
Major League Baseball teamed with Stop Hunger Now to package meals for distribution to needy regions worldwide. MLB staff and interns came together in June to pack more than 12,000 meals, enough to feed 130 people for an entire year.

RBI BACKPACK STUFFING
In August, 40 MLB employees and interns packed 500 goody bags for the 2016 RBI World Series participants. More than a dozen Clubs donated items, ranging from bobbleheads to school supplies.
MOTHER’S DAY
On Mother’s Day, MLB and all 30 Clubs recognized individuals who have been affected by breast cancer and demonstrated a commitment to the cause through the Honorary Bat Girl program. Now in its eighth year, the program has fielded thousands of unique testimonials from potential participants, and millions of fans have voted to select an Honorary Bat Girl for each team. Along with the fan voting, a guest judge panel that included current MLB players helped select these brave individuals.

To raise awareness on field, players and personnel wore a symbolic pink ribbon decal on their uniforms, and many also donned pink wristbands. Commemorative base jewels and dugout lineup cards were also used throughout the league. Many players batted with special pink Louisville Slugger bats — the Official Bat of Major League Baseball — stamped with the breast cancer awareness logo. MLB.com auctioned off a number of these pink products, with proceeds benefiting Stand Up To Cancer and Susan G. Komen.

For the first time, all players wore Mother’s Day uniforms and caps that incorporated pink into each Club’s regular logo, while every cap also featured a dark gray crown and brim. MLB donated the royalties earned from the sales of licensed Mother’s Day jerseys and caps to Stand Up To Cancer and Susan G. Komen.

CHILDHOOD CANCER AWARENESS
Major League Baseball launched a new league-wide effort in September 2016 to raise awareness for childhood cancer by dedicating a special Childhood Cancer Awareness Day at all MLB ballparks. Major League players and on-field personnel wore gold ribbon decals and wristbands on Sept. 2 to promote awareness for childhood cancer, which in the United States is the leading cause of death by disease among children ages 15 and under.

MLB, in partnership with Stand Up To Cancer, encouraged Clubs to support this new month-long initiative through a variety of special activations. Many Clubs partnered with local nonprofits, including hospitals and organizations focused on childhood cancer, for their Childhood Cancer Awareness Day activations. Clubs also showed their support for the effort by honoring youth cancer survivors in on-field ceremonies and hosting check presentations for nonprofits and hospitals.
STAND UP TO CANCER
Stand Up To Cancer (SU2C) raises funds to accelerate innovative cancer research, bringing new therapies to patients quickly and saving lives now. Since launching in 2008, Stand Up To Cancer has brought together more than 1,200 of the best and the brightest research scientists, from upwards of 140 leading institutions in seven countries, to work together on 19 “Dream Teams” and six Translational Research Teams. Work by SU2C-supported researchers has led to cutting-edge, life-saving treatments.

As a founding donor of SU2C, Major League Baseball and its 30 Clubs have committed more than $40 million in financial support and in-kind assets. MLB has significantly increased awareness through in-stadium promotions and fundraising events, and in 2016 supported SU2C’s biennial fundraising telecast, which was broadcast on more than 60 networks, including MLB Network. MLB also promoted the fight against cancer through special SU2C in-game moments during the 2016 All-Star Game presented by MasterCard and Game 4 of the 2016 World Series.

FATHER’S DAY
MLB once again joined the Prostate Cancer Foundation for baseball’s annual campaign to raise awareness of the disease and generate funds for research. On Father’s Day, MLB players, managers, coaches, trainers, umpires and groundskeepers continued the tradition of wearing blue wristbands and uniform ribbon decals to promote prostate cancer awareness. Additionally, Clubs celebrated Father’s Day with specially designed uniforms for the first time, and MLB donated the royalties earned from the sales of Father’s Day jerseys and caps to Stand Up To Cancer and the Prostate Cancer Foundation.

The “Home Run Challenge” returned for its 21st season in 2016 and encouraged fans to make monetary pledges for each home run hit from June 13–19. An all-time record 2,140 donors contributed, raising more than $2.3 million. The effort also included a new PSA featuring Hall of Famer Joe Torre, MLB’s Chief Baseball Officer and a prostate cancer survivor.
PLAY BALL

Play Ball encourages widespread participation in all forms of baseball and softball activities among all age groups, especially youth. The program highlights the many ways baseball and softball can be played — particularly outside the realm of organized leagues and tournaments — from playing catch to participating in skills competitions.

Key partners include USA Baseball, USA Softball, and the U.S. Conference of Mayors. Thanks to MLB, all 30 MLB Clubs and those key partners, more than 300 events were held in 2016 encouraging youth to Play Ball.
U.S. CONFERENCE OF MAYORS
Major League Baseball, Minor League Baseball and the United States Conference of Mayors (USCM) announced a renewal of support by USCM for the Play Ball initiative with “Play Ball Summer.” The initiative featured youth-focused events hosted by mayors from the United States and Puerto Rico between June and August 2016. More than 200 mayors committed to Play Ball programs during Play Ball Summer, an increase from the 140 events in 2015.

PLAY BALL WEEKEND
In 2016, MLB and all 30 Clubs launched the inaugural Play Ball Weekend, a league-wide celebration of youth baseball and softball participation. The new initiative took place in numerous ballparks on May 14 and 15, with away Clubs hosting additional activations during subsequent homestands. More than 320,000 Play Ball–branded plastic bat and ball sets were distributed through Club ballpark and community events, and Major League players donned special Play Ball attire, including a custom batting practice shirt and uniform patch. Play Ball Weekend also received support from USA Baseball, ESPN, Little League International, Ripken Baseball, PONY Baseball & Softball and MLB sponsors Chevy and Scotts.

Among the unique, customized ballpark elements in support of Play Ball Weekend were pregame parades for young players and cap exchanges between Major Leaguers and youth players. In addition to in-ballpark support, many Clubs hosted specialized activities throughout local communities to encourage participation and highlight the fun of youth baseball and softball. Examples included play opportunities at unique locations, surprise visits at youth baseball fields and games, special contests for youth leagues and teams, kids-only press conferences, ticket and equipment donations, and more.

BOYS & GIRLS CLUBS OF AMERICA
In its 20th year as the official charity of Major League Baseball, BGCA has received more than $20 million in annual financial and in-kind contributions, including public service announcements, advertising, player appearances, game day events, broadcasting and MLB game tickets. BGCA members participated in numerous MLB and Club events in 2016, from festivities during All-Star Week and the World Series to Play Ball events to the Fort Bragg Game, holiday parties and more.

Several MLB players and managers have been inducted into the Boys & Girls Clubs Alumni Hall of Fame, including Dan Haren, Tony La Russa, Lou Piniella, Harold Reynolds, Frank Robinson, Jimmy Rollins, CC Sabathia and Dontrelle Willis. La Russa and Robinson are also members of the Baseball Hall of Fame.

CHASING THE DREAM
The Hank Aaron Chasing the Dream Scholarship Program, which is supported through contributions from MLB, annually distributes grants to Boys & Girls Clubs of America members in honor of Hall of Famer Hank Aaron. Club members can receive up to $3,500 each year. More than 75 Boys & Girls Clubs members received scholarships in 2016 for disciplines including baseball, photography, robotics, music and filmmaking.
SCOTTS MLB
PITCH, HIT & RUN
Scotts, the Official Lawn Care Company of MLB, served as the title sponsor of Pitch, Hit & Run (PHR), the official youth skills competition of Major League Baseball, which recognizes individual excellence in core baseball and softball skills. In its 20th year, PHR reached more than 650,000 youth ages 7–14.

PHR provides four levels of competition for youth baseball and softball players. Local champions advance to sectional events, and subsequent team championships are held at all 30 Major League ballparks. Twenty-four winners from the team championships advanced to the national finals held at Petco Park as part of MLB’s 2016 All-Star Week.

HIGH SCHOOL HOME RUN DERBY
Major League Baseball hosted eight high school players from the U.S., Mexico and Puerto Rico for the semifinals of the 2016 MLB High School Home Run Derby. Participating players were selected in conjunction with USA Baseball. Eventual finalists Nick Brueser of Chandler, Ariz., and Nicholas Storz of Brooklyn, N.Y., competed during breaks in action at the T-Mobile Home Run Derby. Brueser, an infielder, has committed to play at Stanford University. Storz, a first baseman and pitcher, will graduate in 2017 and has committed to play at LSU. Brueser took home the 2016 crown.

T-MOBILE JR. HOME RUN DERBY
Thousands of kids participated in more than 800 local league competitions to earn a spot in the inaugural T-Mobile Jr. Home Run Derby. The ballplayers competed within one of two divisions — 12 & under or 14 & under — to see whose home run swings would propel them to regional competitions. Regional champions advanced to the national finals during 2016 All-Star Week. Aidan O’Halloran of Owens Cross Roads, Ala., and Matthew Mebane of North Augusta, S.C., (pictured, L-R) took home the national championship for the 14U and 12U divisions, respectively.
PLAY BALL PARK
The newly established Play Ball Park was a key feature during All-Star Week. The nearly 80,000-square foot outdoor location at San Diego’s Bayfront Park was open from July 7–12, and featured fun, engaging and educational activities for youth baseball and softball players and their families — all with the backdrop of the Midsummer Classic.

ALL-STAR YOUTH CLASSIC
The All-Star Youth Classic (formerly known as the Jr. RBI Classic) welcomed more than 140 young baseball and softball players for a friendly round-robin tournament during 2016 All-Star Week. In its eighth year, the event consisted of eight baseball and four softball teams comprised of 11- and 12-year-olds, including first-time participants from the Slaterettes, an all-girls baseball team out of Providence, R.I. The teams also visited Play Ball Park and were able to experience MLB All-Star FanFest, the SiriusXM All-Star Futures Game, the All-Star Legends & Celebrity Softball Game, and the T-Mobile Home Run Derby.
ELITE DEVELOPMENT INVITATIONAL

Building upon the success of the Breakthrough Series, MLB, USA Baseball and the Major League Baseball Players Association teamed up for the second Elite Development Invitational (EDI) at Historic Dodgertown in Vero Beach, Fla. The EDI welcomed more than 200 participants ages 13-17 from minority or underserved backgrounds. The two-week program created a Spring Training–like atmosphere for aspiring pro players, whose days consisted of individual work, games, situational play, “chalk talks” and nightly seminars, all with the goal of providing elite training and instruction opportunities.

More than 25 MLB alumni — including Jerry Manuel, David Justice, Charles Johnson, Marvin Freeman, Marquis Grissom, Dmitri Young and Eric Davis — served as instructors, while Commissioner Manfred, MLBPA Executive Director Tony Clark, and former pro General Managers Tony Reagins and Omar Minaya stopped by to share their knowledge and experiences.

PLAY

Through the PLAY (Promoting a Lifetime of Activity for Youth) campaign, in conjunction with MLB Charities, the Professional Baseball Athletic Trainers Society (PBATS) and Major League Baseball aim to spread a positive message about the benefits of an active and healthy lifestyle. In 2016, 29 MLB teams hosted PLAY Campaign events, and more than 35 Major League players participated. PBATS members from across the league disseminated the PLAY Campaign’s message to more than 3,000 young people, as well as thousands of parents, in 2016.

Each PLAY event featured a series of educational components: a discussion about the dangers of performance enhancing drug abuse; strength and conditioning with MLB strength and conditioning coaches; injury prevention and nutrition stations with MLB athletic trainers; an oral health station with the Henry Schein Cares Foundation; and a Q&A station with participating Major Leaguers.
URBAN INVITATIONAL
The Urban Invitational is an annual round-robin collegiate baseball tournament that highlights Historically Black Colleges and Universities (HBCUs), as they compete against traditional Division I baseball powers. The New Orleans MLB Youth Academy and the University of New Orleans hosted the 2016 event. Louisiana Tech University and Division I HBCUs Alcorn State University (Miss.), Prairie View A&M University (Texas), Grambling State University (La.) and Southern University (La.) participated alongside the host college’s team. The event also featured a Play Ball youth clinic and Scotts MLB Pitch Hit & Run/Jr. Home Run Derby competition, along with a Battle of the Bands.

BASEBALL TOMORROW FUND
The Baseball Tomorrow Fund (BTF) is a joint initiative between Major League Baseball and the Major League Baseball Players Association designed to promote the growth of youth baseball and softball throughout the world. BTF awards grants to support field renovation and construction projects, equipment and uniform purchases, coaches training material and other selected program expenses. Since its formation in 1999, BTF has awarded more than 900 grants totaling over $32 million to nonprofit and tax-exempt organizations in the U.S., Canada, Latin America, the Caribbean, Europe, Africa and Asia. In 2016, BTF awarded 74 grants totaling $2.7 million, the largest single-year amount since the inception of the fund.

Information about BTF can be found at baseballtomorrowfund.com.

YOUTH ACADEMY
MLB is committed to providing opportunities through baseball and softball to young people from all backgrounds, but particularly underserved communities, through the MLB Youth Academies. In addition to the first Youth Academy established in Compton, Calif., in 2006, MLB has opened the P&G Cincinnati MLB Youth Academy, the Houston Astros MLB Youth Academy, the New Orleans MLB Youth Academy at Wesley Barrow Stadium, the Philadelphia Phillies MLB Youth Academy, and the Washington Nationals MLB Youth Academy. Additional facilities are in development in Chicago, the Bronx, San Francisco, Kansas City (Mo.) and Dallas.

MLB Youth Academies provide free, year-round instruction to about 12,000 young men and women, while reaching 20,000 more via tournaments and programs. In the last five MLB drafts, 46 alumni have been selected, bringing the total to nearly 160.
REVIVING BASEBALL IN INNER CITIES

In 2016, more than 175,000 youth ages 5-18 participated in youth baseball and softball opportunities across nearly 200 Reviving Baseball in Inner Cities (RBI) leagues in the United States, Latin America and the Caribbean. RBI provides playing opportunities to underserved youth and communities at little or no cost, and leagues are typically operated by Major and Minor League teams, local parks and recreation departments, Boys & Girls Clubs, and local independent youth baseball and softball organizations. MLB and its Clubs have designated more than $40 million worth of resources to the RBI program, and all 30 Clubs support RBI leagues.

RBI WORLD SERIES

The Cincinnati Reds hosted the 2016 RBI World Series, which featured 24 regional champions from RBI’s three divisions: Junior Baseball 13–15, Senior Baseball 16–18 and Softball 18U. Chicago White Sox RBI won the Junior Baseball championship, while Arizona RBI finished as Senior Baseball champions. Dominican Republic RBI claimed the Softball title.

Along with tournament play, the series included meet-and-greets with MLB and Reds executives, including Commissioner Manfred and Reds Owners Bob and Phil Castellini, as well as former Reds Eric Davis, Dave Parker and Hall of Famer Ken Griffey Jr. Participants also took part in a service component to benefit Feed the Children, providing food and school supplies to Cincinnati-area youth and families.

All 2016 RBI World Series participants wore “JY” uniform patches to honor RBI founder John Young, who passed away in May 2016 at age 67. Young founded the program in South Central Los Angeles in 1989. Prior to tournament play, MLB, the Dodgers Foundation and the Los Angeles City Council memorialized John with a street dedication in his L.A. hometown. John’s widow and several former Major Leaguers attended the event.

RBI FOR RBI SCHOLARSHIP

The RBI for RBI Scholarship Fund provides financial support to college-bound RBI participants. Scholarship recipients are selected based on academic record, demonstrated leadership, participation in school, community activities and financial need. The 2016 scholarship class of 12 students brings the total of college scholarships awarded to RBI participants to more than 100 since the fund was established in 2008. This year’s recipients were recognized at the 2016 RBI World Series in Cincinnati.

RBI 13U INVITATIONAL

For the second year, the RBI program participated in USA Baseball’s National Team Identification Series (NTIS) for the 13U division. NTIS is a comprehensive player ID program that facilitates access to the USA Baseball National Team. RBI held four regional 13U Invitational tournaments: Cincinnati; Cary, N.C.; Prince George’s County, Md.; and Compton, Calif. As a result, two RBI players were selected for the 2017 USA Baseball 14U National Team.
USA BASEBALL & SOFTBALL BREAKTHROUGH SERIES
Established in 2008 as a joint effort with USA Baseball, the Breakthrough Series provides a free instructional showcase to facilitate professional or collegiate playing opportunities while eliminating economic barriers. The 2016 Breakthrough Series welcomed nearly 200 high school prospects at Pirate City, the Pirates’ Spring Training complex in Bradenton, Fla.; Tempe Diablo Baseball Complex, the Spring Training home of the Los Angeles Angels in Arizona; the USA Baseball National Training Complex in Cary, N.C.; and the P&G Cincinnati MLB Youth Academy. Approximately 140 previous Breakthrough Series participants have been selected in the MLB draft, including nearly 40 in 2015 and 2016 combined — the most ever in a two-year span.
TEAM COALITION
MLB, Techniques for Effective Alcohol Management (TEAM) Coalition and Budweiser supported designated driver programs at Major League ballparks for the 13th consecutive season in 2016. The Responsibility Has Its Rewards Sweepstakes gave all fans who pledged to be designated drivers throughout the year the chance to win a contest for jewel event tickets. During the 2016 MLB regular season, nearly 585,000 ballpark guests planned ahead and made the responsible decision to be designated drivers.

ZERO TOLERANCE POLICY
Major League Baseball leads the industry with strong policies against domestic violence, sexual assault and child abuse, in addition to a workplace code of conduct for Major League players that encourages a safe and inclusive environment. To further support efforts related to the care of victims of domestic violence and their families, MLB partners with the National Network to End Domestic Violence, It’s On Us and The Joe Torre Safe at Home Foundation, three nationally recognized nonprofit organizations that focus on ending the cycle of violence.

SPORT AT THE SERVICE OF HUMANITY
In October 2016, the Vatican hosted the first-ever global conference on faith and sport. Pope Francis gave the opening remarks, and the event brought together global leaders in faith and sport to discuss the inter-connectedness of these disciplines. Billy Bean and Melanie LeGrande, then MLB’s director of community affairs, traveled to Rome on behalf of Major League Baseball.
DIVERSITY AND INCLUSION

Major League Baseball has long been recognized as a leader in the diversity and inclusion space. In March, MLB held its fourth Diversity Business Summit, co-hosted by the Arizona Diamondbacks in Phoenix (pictured). To date, approximately $20 million has been spent with diverse suppliers, and more than 100 job seekers have been hired across MLB as a result of the Summit.

For the 2016 MLB All-Star Game presented by MasterCard, MLB spent close to $2 million with diverse suppliers in areas including hospitality, catering, entertainment, signage and decor. Additional initiatives included MLB’s Virtual Interview Day and the Supplier Diversity Summit at the Winter Meetings, both first-time events established to engage diverse audiences in employment and business opportunities.

In 2016, MLB continued its efforts to create a culture of acceptance and inclusion throughout the league. During the year, Billy Bean, then MLB’s vice president of social responsibility & inclusion, spearheaded conversations with Major and Minor League players, front office employees and surrounding communities across the sport. Following the Pulse Nightclub tragedy in Orlando, Fla., in June 2016, Billy worked closely with the Tampa Bay Rays to organize support for victims and their families. The effort culminated in a powerful, unifying message delivered by Commissioner Manfred to a sold-out Tropicana Field and a live MLB Network audience. In addition, Major League Baseball partnered with Twitter to support #SpiritDay, raising awareness to stamp out bullying against LGBT youth.

ALLAN H. SELIG AWARD FOR PHILANTHROPIC EXCELLENCE

MLB and Commissioner Manfred presented the 2016 Allan H. Selig Award for Philanthropic Excellence to the Philadelphia Phillies. Formerly known as the Commissioner’s Award for Philanthropic Excellence, the award was established in 2010 to recognize the charitable and philanthropic efforts of MLB Clubs. The Phillies were celebrated for their organization-wide commitment to the fight against ALS through the “Phillies Phestival,” an annual autograph and auction party that raised more than $700,000 in 2016. The funding continued to provide much-needed care and services for ALS patients in the Philadelphia area. Since the ALS Association Greater Philadelphia Chapter became the team’s primary charity in 1984, the Phillies have raised more than $17 million to combat the devastating, progressive and, ultimately, fatal neuromuscular disorder.

Participants discussed inspiration, inclusion and involvement. Speakers included Val Ackerman (former WNBA Commissioner and current Big East Commissioner), Sir Philip Craven (President, International Paralympic Committee), Ivan Gazidis (CEO, Arsenal Football Club), John Mara (President and CEO, New York Giants) and Tim Shriver (Chairman, Special Olympics International), among others.

DISASTER RELIEF

Major League Baseball and the Major League Baseball Players Association combined to support relief and recovery efforts for victims of the Louisiana floods (August 2016) and Hurricane Matthew (October 2016). Donations were made to the American Red Cross, Baton Rouge Area Foundation – Louisiana Flood Relief Fund, High Socks for Hope, Medicines for Humanity, Project C.U.R.E. and Samaritan’s Purse. Many Major League players actively raised awareness and funds to aid in recovery efforts throughout the year. The contributions represent an ongoing commitment of MLB and the MLBPA to provide joint support for victims of natural disasters.
MLB Padres Jackie Robinson Family YMCA All-Star Complex

Legacy dollars helped the Jackie Robinson Family YMCA (JRFYMCA) build a new youth baseball and softball field and outdoor recreational area, in addition to renovating and rebuilding the existing complex. The improvements have allowed JRFYMCA to put a renewed emphasis on baseball and softball. Commissioner Manfred joined Sharon Robinson (pictured above) and a host of others at the dedication ceremony.

ALL-STAR LEGACY CHARITABLE CONTRIBUTIONS
MLB Charities and the Padres Foundation donated nearly $5 million from 2016 Gatorade All-Star Workout Day, including a significant portion to local (San Diego area) All-Star Legacy projects. Supported projects included the first softball-specific and International All-Star Legacy projects.
MLB PADRES ALL-STAR DIAMOND AT BOYS & GIRLS CLUBS – CONRAD PREBYS ESCONDIDO BRANCH
This project repurposed an existing parking lot and green space into a multi-purpose baseball diamond, complete with a manual scoreboard and movable fences.

MLB PADRES BOYS & GIRLS CLUBS OF Tijuana ALL-STAR COMPLEX
The Loma Dorada Club, the first Boys & Girls Club in Mexico, serves 750 children ages 6-16 from low-income neighborhoods throughout Tijuana. All-Star funding helped to convert a basketball court and concrete soccer field into a ballfield; upgrade two batting cages; resurface, paint and landscape the outdoor eating and rest area; upgrade the auditorium; and grade the parking lot. This was the first MLB All-Star Legacy project ever completed outside of the United States.

MLB PADRES ALL-STAR LAUNCH POINTE
All-Star funding enabled the Monarch School, which serves a population that has been affected by homelessness, to develop a 5,000-square foot “Launch Pointe” on the second floor of its existing building. The facility provides high school students with trade skill training to ensure that they are employable upon graduation.
ALL-STAR CENTER FOR MILITARY AND VETERANS REINTEGRATION

This project provided National Veterans Transition Services Inc. (NVTSI), an organization dedicated to assisting veterans as they adjust to civilian life, with a more efficient workspace. As a result, NVTSI is able to provide improved services, including resume writing, the creation of social media profiles, and evaluation and improvement of participants’ online presence.

MLB PADRES ALL-STAR FIELD

The softball field at San Pasqual Academy in Escondido, Calif. — a first-in-the-nation residential education campus designed specifically to meet the needs of foster teens — needed significant work, and improvements occurred during All-Star Week. The infield and outfield were elevated and re-graded, the outfield sod replaced, and new bases, home plate, a scoreboard, foul poles and a dugout drainage system installed. At the dedication ceremony, players from the National Pro Fastpitch league were on hand to meet San Pasqual Academy softball players.
ALL-STAR GREEN TEAM
During 2016 All-Star Week, MLB partnered with the University of Minnesota and University of San Diego to activate Green Teams at All-Star Week events. As part of their curriculum, students promoted fan awareness of environmental sustainability and collected recyclables throughout the stadium. The 2016 season marked the ninth year that MLB has activated Green Teams during the All-Star Game.

TICKETS FOR KIDS CHARITIES
MLB and the Padres worked with Tickets for Kids to distribute 6,000 All-Star FanFest tickets to 100-plus community organizations in San Diego, giving families a once-in-a-lifetime baseball experience. The nonprofit organization is committed to enriching children’s lives through local arts, cultural, educational, sporting and entertainment events.

TEAM COALITION
MLB, the Padres, Budweiser and TEAM Coalition encouraged fans to be responsible through the Responsibility Has Its Rewards Sweepstakes, which rewards one randomly selected fan who pledged to be a designated driver during the season with a trip to the All-Star Game. Winner George Dainis, the Boston Red Sox's Designated Driver for the season, was featured on the video board during the 87th All-Star Game at Petco Park.

ROCK AND WRAP IT UP!
Over the past 10 years, nearly 36,000 pounds of prepared but untouched food has been recovered for donation to those in need through MLB’s partnership with Rock and Wrap It Up! (RWU). RWU vets local agencies in each city, assuring that they have health certificates, transportation and a large enough program to distribute the donation. The 2016 All-Star Game yielded the equivalent of approximately 5,800 full meals for the San Diego Rescue Mission and diverted more than 3,500 pounds of carbon dioxide from landfills.

BRADY FAMILY TEEN CENTER RENOVATION
A variety of refurbishments occurred at the Brady Family Teen Center of Boys & Girls Clubs of East County, home to 100 youth per day. In addition to upgraded lighting and windows, all furniture was completely overhauled and upgraded. Renovations also took place in the kitchen, which supports the health and life skills program, and technology center (pictured).
THE COLOR RUN & ALL-STAR YOGA
Major League Baseball partnered with The Color Run to host The Color Run MLB All-Star 5K presented by Nike. Participants of all ages followed an All-Star themed course through downtown San Diego, as MLB legends and mascots cheered them on. A festival followed with giveaways, contests and music from local DJs. The next day, MLB and Soul Pose teamed up for the ultimate outdoor yoga party in San Diego’s Waterfront Park. Participants enjoyed two 60-minute yoga sessions and a musical performance by Michael Franti. A portion of the proceeds from both events benefited the Boys & Girls Clubs of Greater San Diego.

ALL-STAR FANFEST
OPENING CEREMONIES
Youth from the Boys & Girls Clubs of Greater San Diego joined MLB legends Trevor Hoffman and Dave Winfield for the All-Star FanFest ribbon cutting ceremony, opening the World’s Largest Interactive Baseball Theme Park.

PREGAME CEREMONY
Whitney Stewart of Sarasota County, Fla., the 2015–16 Boys & Girls Clubs of America Youth of the Year, declared “Play Ball” before the start of the 87th All-Star Game at Petco Park.

FLAG BEARERS
During player introductions for the SiriusXM All-Star Futures Game, kids from the Boys & Girls Clubs of San Dieguito held the flags of the 11 countries represented in the contest. The flag bearers received a behind-the-scenes look at what it takes for industry professionals to host an All-Star Week event.

MASTERCARD AMBASSADORS
MasterCard, MLB and the San Diego Padres invited 22 local fans ages 10 to 13 to take the field with the 2016 All-Star starters and managers. The children were selected from Boys & Girls Clubs of Greater San Diego, Jackie Robinson Family YMCA, local RBI Leagues at the Marine Corps Recruit Depot, PONY Baseball and the Monarch School.

ALL-STAR WIFFLE BALL SERIES
For the second year, MLB hosted the All-Star WIFFLE Ball Series. Teams from San Diego-area Boys & Girls Clubs played at Play Ball Park, Petco Park at the Park and All-Star FanFest Diamond. Boys & Girls Clubs of South County defeated Boys & Girls Clubs of San Marcos in the championship game, and the winners were recognized during the SiriusXM All-Star Futures Game. Former Major Leaguers Bobby Jones, Steve Finley and Juan Eichelberger served as special guest umpires and interacted with the kids throughout the three-day tournament.

BOYS & GIRLS CLUBS OF AMERICA – ALL-STAR WEEK
As the official charity of Major League Baseball, Boys & Girls Clubs of America participated in various events and activities throughout All-Star Week.
Major League Baseball donated tickets to Make-A-Wish, providing five children with life-threatening illnesses who wished to attend the All-Star Game with the opportunity to do so. As special guests of Major League Baseball and the Padres, Christian, Aidan, Tony, Jake and Cordero and their families experienced All-Star Week ballpark events from the comfort of a luxury suite at Petco Park. They also enjoyed special meet-and-greets with Padres All-Star Wil Myers, Harold Reynolds, Commissioner Manfred and MLB All-Stars. Additionally, 5-year-old Brylee Cadamy of Lancaster, Calif., who suffers from Stage 4 Rhabdomyosarcoma, attended the All-Star Concert Series at Embarcadero Marina Park South with her family. Brylee’s wish was to sing a song with Tori Kelly, who headlined the concert. Brylee was invited backstage for a special meet-and-greet with Kelly, a Grammy Award nominee.
ALL-STAR WEEK

SCOTTS FIELD RENOVATION AT MOUNTAIN VIEW COMMUNITY PARK
MLB partnered with Scotts, the Official Lawn Care Company of Major League Baseball, to refurbish the baseball field at Mountain View Community Park in San Diego. Field work included conditioning, grading and leveling of the infield, and replacement of the outfield sod. Overall facility improvements also included dugout enhancements and installation of fencing and a backstop as part of Scotts’ It’s Good Out Here Program.

STARLIGHT FUN CENTER DONATION
Major League Baseball and the San Diego Padres, in partnership with Starlight Children’s Foundation, donated a Starlight Fun Center to Rady Children’s Hospital, San Diego’s only hospital dedicated exclusively to pediatric healthcare and the region’s only designated pediatric trauma center. Starlight Fun Centers provide a comforting break, fun distraction and bedside entertainment for children facing surgery, enduring long outpatient treatments or coping with loneliness after hospital visiting hours have ended.

SPECIAL STARS GAME
MLB and the San Diego Padres hosted a game at Petco Park for youth with physical or developmental disabilities from the PONY Champions League, Miracle League of San Diego and Little League Challenger Division. Each participant enjoyed one at-bat and played the field defensively, and received replica All-Star jerseys compliments of Baseball Fantasy Camp for Kids. Players were treated to a postgame pizza party courtesy of the Padres.
GAME 1
Prior to Game 1, Commissioner Manfred visited Boys & Girls Clubs of Cleveland’s Luis Muñoz Marín Dual Language School branch, part of the Cleveland Metropolitan School District. Major League Baseball and the Indians hosted a fun, indoor baseball event, highlighting the game’s commitment to youth, particularly through the Play Ball initiative, and celebrating baseball’s partnership with Boys & Girls Clubs of America. Cleveland Indians Owner and Chief Executive Officer Paul Dolan attended the event, along with former players Brian Anderson, Len Barker, Joe Charboneau and Jason Stanford, and current player Chris Gimenez. Also in attendance were Eric Gordon, CEO of the Cleveland Metropolitan School District; Indians mascot Slider; and Jackie Robinson Foundation Alumna Kendra Gaither (Class of 1996). Gaither, a member of the JRF Mid-Atlantic Selection Committee and Senior Policy Director of the Americas at the U.S. Chamber of Commerce, spoke to students about the importance of hard work and staying in school.

GAME 2
MLB joined the American League champion Indians and members of the World Series umpiring crew for a visit to Cleveland Clinic Children’s hospital prior to Game 2. MLB and the Indians donated a Starlight Fun Center mobile entertainment unit, while the umpires gifted Build-A-Bear Workshop stuffed animals to pediatric patients and their families via UMPS CARE Charities. Each child got to choose a new furry friend, and outfitted the stuffed animal in new clothing. Former Indians All-Stars Carlos Baerga and Len Barker also attended.
GAME 3

Major League Baseball and the Chicago Cubs teamed up with Starlight Children’s Foundation to donate a Starlight Fun Center mobile entertainment unit to the Rehabilitation Institute of Chicago when the Series arrived in the National League city. Cubs Hall of Famer Ferguson Jenkins, MLB Goodwill Ambassador Vera Clemente and MLB Educational Programming Consultant Sharon Robinson were present for the occasion.

Before the game, New York Mets outfielder Curtis Granderson was announced as the 2016 Roberto Clemente Award winner in a press conference and recognized on the field (pictured). Granderson made a personal donation of $5 million toward the construction of a state-of-the-art indoor/outdoor baseball complex at the University of Illinois at Chicago, his alma mater. The complex, named Curtis Granderson Stadium, also serves as an MLB Youth Baseball Academy and provides nearly 10,000 inner-city youth with a safe environment throughout the year. Granderson hosts clinics year-round in Chicago, New York and Florida, teaching kids not only baseball skills, but lessons about hard work, dedication and leadership. He often brings groups of children to Mets games at Citi Field and has helped raise money for New York’s City Harvest, United Neighborhood Houses, the USO of Metropolitan New York and the YMCA. Granderson also has actively supported the Mets’ commitment to the military, acted as the official MLB spokesperson for the White House’s anti-obesity and “Drink Up” water initiatives, and served as a player-member of the MLB On-Field Diversity Task Force.

In addition to Granderson, Sadie Chamberlain was recognized alongside Sharon Robinson prior to Game 3 for earning one of two grand prizes in the 2016 Breaking Barriers Essay Contest. The Vermont native wrote an inspirational essay detailing her journey to overcome stereotypes related to her cerebral palsy. Echoing Jackie Robinson’s display of courage, Sadie wrote, “It takes a massive amount of determination not to be subdued by my disability. Determination means to not stop, to keep going no matter how difficult things get. It helps me to push boundaries and accomplish feats that people of my condition feel are near impossible.”
GAME 4
During pregame ceremonies at Wrigley Field, MasterCard executives presented a $4.25 million donation to Stand Up To Cancer, which was raised through its 2016 Priceless Causes campaign. Over the past seven years, the MasterCard program has raised more than $35 million for critical cancer research.
MLB, Stand Up To Cancer and MasterCard coordinated a special in-game moment, as players, umpires, coaches and fans held up placards bearing the names of loved ones affected by the disease. The tribute aired live on FOX.

MAKE-A-WISH
MLB and the American and National League champions hosted three young fans battling life-threatening illnesses whose request through the Make-A-Wish Foundation was to attend the World Series. Jonah Martinez, 13, from Troy, Texas, attended Game 2 as a VIP guest, met with players during batting practice, and spent time with Commissioner Manfred. Alec “AJ” Smallwood, 17, from Flowery Branch, Ga., and Ted Shapiro, 19, from Northbrook, Ill. (pictured below), attended Game 4 as guests of MLB and the Cubs. Both young men stood on the field beside the Cubs and Indians during the in-game Stand Up To Cancer tribute.

TEAM COALITION
MLB, Anheuser-Busch and Techniques for Effective Alcohol Management (TEAM) Coalition hosted Amelia Reid, the Indians’ winner of the Responsibility Has Its Rewards Sweepstakes, and a guest at Game 1 of the World Series. Reid, originally from Oberlin, Ohio, was randomly selected from the more than 17,000 Indians fans who pledged to be designated drivers at Progressive Field during the regular season.
Becky Yaworski from Chicago was the Cubs’ Responsibility Has Its Rewards Sweepstakes winner. Yaworski received two tickets to Game 3 for being a responsible fan. She, too, was randomly chosen from more than 11,000 Cubs fans who pledged to be designated drivers at Wrigley Field in 2016, ensuring safe rides home for their friends and family.
GAME BALL DELIVERY

Each World Series game began with a game ball delivery by a Boys & Girls Club member, who was accompanied by a legend from the host team.

GAME 1: Boys & Girls Clubs of America National Youth of the Year Jocelyn Woods (pictured), from the Boys & Girls Clubs of Silicon Valley in San Jose, Calif. Former Indians Manager Mike Hargrove, who led the Club to its previous two World Series appearances, in 1995 and ’97, joined Woods, 18, a freshman journalism student at the University of Southern California.

GAME 2: Zaylianny Mojica Mendez, 18, a member of the Boys & Girls Clubs of Cleveland, alongside Joe Charboneau, who won the 1980 American League Rookie of the Year Award with the Indians. Mojica Mendez is a freshman at Cuyahoga Community College.

GAME 3: Anthony Velazquez, 17, from the Miguel A. Barreto Branch of Union League Boys & Girls Club in Chicago, with former Cubs All-Star first baseman Derrek Lee. Velazquez is a senior at Chicago’s Roberto Clemente High School.

GAME 4: Eve Houser, 18, from the Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Club of Boys & Girls Clubs of Chicago, with former Cubs All-Star pitcher Mark Prior. Houser is a senior at Chicago’s Northside College Prep.

GAME 5: Freddie Morales, 16, also from the Miguel A. Barreto Branch of Union League Boys & Girls Club, and MLB Hall of Famer Andre Dawson. Morales is a junior at Roberto Clemente High School.

GAME 6: Rosetta Shepherd, the Boys & Girls Clubs of America Ohio Youth of the Year, with former Indians pitcher Len Barker, who threw the 10th perfect game in MLB history with the Club in 1981. Shepherd, 18, is a member of the Boys & Girls Clubs of Lorain County and a freshman at Lorain County Community College.

GAME 7: Davontre Cohen, 17, from the Boys & Girls Clubs of The Western Reserve in Akron, Ohio. Former Indians slugger Travis Hafner accompanied Cohen, a senior at Akron Early College High School and Akron’s Youth of the Year.
Major League Baseball is proud to support the Jackie Robinson Foundation (JRF) and its scholarship program. For more than 40 years, MLB and its Clubs have contributed financial and in-kind support to the Foundation, and have provided multi-year scholarship awards to high-achieving students of diverse backgrounds, helping to close the achievement gap in higher education.

In 2016, baseball expanded its philanthropic commitment to the Foundation and will now support 30 four-year JRF scholarships, one for each of the 30 MLB Clubs. On the following pages, meet the newest scholars who attend the college or university indicated and take part in JRF’s celebrated mentoring curriculum.
ARIZONA DIAMONDBACKS
SCHOLAR
Robert Ballance III
COLLEGE
University of Arizona
MAJOR
Health Professions
HOMETOWN
Glendale, Ariz.

ATLANTA BRAVES
SCHOLAR
Jahmeel Thomas
COLLEGE
Savannah College of Art and Design
MAJOR
Art
HOMETOWN
Dallas, Ga.

BOSTON RED SOX
SCHOLAR
David Lackard
COLLEGE
Bryant University
MAJOR
Accounting, Spanish
HOMETOWN
Framingham, Mass.

CHICAGO CUBS
SCHOLAR
Christian Cooper
COLLEGE
Brown University
MAJOR
Marine Biology
HOMETOWN
Chicago, Ill.

Baltimore Orioles
SCHOLAR
Danielle Stephenson
COLLEGE
Princeton University
MAJOR
Biology
HOMETOWN
Baltimore, Md.

CHICAGO WHITE SOX
SCHOLAR
Jabari-Ture Brooks
COLLEGE
University of Miami
MAJOR
Biology
HOMETOWN
Chicago, Ill.

JACKIE ROBINSON FOUNDATION
MAJOR LEAGUE BASEBALL SCHOLARS CLASS OF 2020
CINCINNATI REDS
SCHOLAR
Timothy Davis
COLLEGE
University of Cincinnati
MAJOR
Pre-Optometry
HOMETOWN
Reynoldsburg, Ohio

CLEVELAND INDIANS
SCHOLAR
Demi Reed
COLLEGE
Ohio University
MAJOR
Forensic Chemistry
HOMETOWN
Athens, Ohio

COLORADO ROCKIES
SCHOLAR
Hanah Lemmons
COLLEGE
Harvard University
MAJOR
Journalism
HOMETOWN
Denver, Colo.

DETROIT TIGERS
SCHOLAR
Alexis Stokes
COLLEGE
Princeton University
MAJOR
Psychology
HOMETOWN
Farmington, Mich.

HOUSTON ASTROS
SCHOLAR
Zachary Robertson
COLLEGE
University of Chicago
MAJOR
Math, Physics
HOMETOWN
Spring, Texas

KANSAS CITY ROYALS
SCHOLAR
O’Shayla Bolton
COLLEGE
University of Missouri–Kansas City
MAJOR
Business, Cinematic Production
HOMETOWN
Kansas City, Mo.
LOS ANGELES ANGELS OF ANAHEIM
SCHOLAR
Arthur Carlisle
COLLEGE
Soka University
MAJOR
International Relations
HOMETOWN
Monterey Park, Calif.

LOS ANGELES DODGERS
SCHOLAR
Brooke Porter
COLLEGE
Duke University
MAJOR
Political Science
HOMETOWN
Riverside, Calif.

MIAMI MARLINS
SCHOLAR
Juliana Lamy
COLLEGE
Harvard University
MAJOR
Pre-Medicine, English
HOMETOWN
Boca Raton, Fla.

MILWAUKEE BREWERS
SCHOLAR
Brian Diggs
COLLEGE
University of Wisconsin–Whitewater
MAJOR
Economics
HOMETOWN
Milwaukee, Wis.

MINNESOTA TWINS
SCHOLAR
Yvonne Cole
COLLEGE
St. Catherine University
MAJOR
Nursing
HOMETOWN
St. Paul, Minn.

NEW YORK METS
SCHOLAR
Marcus Murray
COLLEGE
University of Hartford
MAJOR
Architecture
HOMETOWN
West Babylon, N.Y.
NEW YORK YANKEES
SCHOLAR
Shamsa Derrick
COLLEGE
Yale University
MAJOR
Global Affairs, Social Sciences
HOMETOWN
New York, N.Y.

OAKLAND ATHLETICS
SCHOLAR
Julian Nesbitt
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Santa Clara University
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PHILADELPHIA PHILLIES
SCHOLAR
Maria Britt
COLLEGE
Bryn Mawr College
MAJOR
Psychology
HOMETOWN

PITTSBURGH PIRATES
SCHOLAR
Jeffrey Onyeador
COLLEGE
University of Pittsburgh
MAJOR
Pre-Pharmacy
HOMETOWN
Bowie, Md.

SAN DIEGO PADRES
SCHOLAR
Bamidele Aleshe
COLLEGE
UCLA
MAJOR
Biology
HOMETOWN
San Diego, Calif.

SAN FRANCISCO GIANTS
SCHOLAR
Arman Akhenaton
COLLEGE
Loyola Marymount University
MAJOR
Civil Engineering
HOMETOWN
San Jose, Calif.
SEATTLE MARINERS
SCHOLAR
Favour Orji
COLLEGE
University of Washington
MAJOR
Bio-Engineering
HOMETOWN
Kent, Wash.

ST. LOUIS CARDINALS
SCHOLAR
April Lewis
COLLEGE
Spelman College
MAJOR
Biology
HOMETOWN
St. Louis, Mo.

TAMPA BAY RAYS
SCHOLAR
Dionne Blake
COLLEGE
University of Florida
MAJOR
Pre-Medicine
HOMETOWN
Valrico, Fla.

TEXAS RANGERS
SCHOLAR
Kaiser McGlothen
COLLEGE
Mississippi State University
MAJOR
Civil Engineering
HOMETOWN
Mansfield, Texas

TORONTO BLUE JAYS
SCHOLAR
Ewart Green
COLLEGE
Binghamton University
MAJOR
Biology
HOMETOWN
Pomona, N.Y.

WASHINGTON NATIONALS
SCHOLAR
Michael White
COLLEGE
University of Maryland, College Park
MAJOR
Computer Science
HOMETOWN
Washington, D.C.
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