

## FROM THE COACH

The GABA organization has three goals: 1) To strive to have the baseball player be able to compete at the next level; 2) To have more concern for the development of the individual players, than securing wins; and 3) To provide quality coaching by experienced baseball enthusiasts. GABA is dedicated to our goals and our players. We work with the players to better themselves, both on and off the field. This includes providing exposure in national high-level tournaments and communication with college coaches for our older players and high school coaches for our younger players. For us, baseball is more than swinging the bat or catching the ball. It is a mental and physical team game that will assist the player in the other areas of their life.

As a result of our philosophy on teaching the game and developing the individual, GABA attracts players from Aurora, Naperville, North Aurora, Oswego, Batavia, Yorkville and other Fox Valley communities. GABA teams regularly qualify for World Series play and have teams ranked among the top teams in the state and sometimes the nation.

In short, GABA is using baseball and the discipline it requires to build young men. If along the way, we happen to develop the next "Hall of Famer", great! The day-to-day focus is teaching and we at GABA like to refer to it as providing for the "Bases to the Future . . ."

*Coach, Calvin Butler*

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