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MAJOR LEAGUE BASEBALL CELEBRATES THE LEGACY AND SOCIAL IMPACT OF JACKIE ROBINSON

Annual April 15th Recognition of Jackie Robinson Day Will Highlight His Influence on the Sport and Contributions to Society

CC Sabathia, Andruw Jones, Michael Harris II, Lawrence Butler, Denzel Clarke, Victor Scott II, Maya Brady and Jayda Coleman Participate in Original MLB Content

New York Mets Visit Los Angeles Dodgers on ESPN For Nationally Televised Jackie Robinson Day Matchup

Major League Baseball will celebrate Jackie Robinson's life and legacy with a series of initiatives alongside the Jackie Robinson Foundation (JRF), MLB Clubs and additional partners as part of the league's annual Jackie Robinson Day commemoration taking place on Wednesday, April 15th, the 79th anniversary of his Dodger debut.

As part of its MLB Together program, the league's tribute begins with a powerful visual of unity. In what has become one of the most significant traditions in baseball, all on-field personnel will wear Jackie's iconic **Number 42 in Dodger Blue** on their uniform (regardless of their primary team colors) and royal blue "42" socks from Stance. The teams along with umpires, also will honor Jackie by wearing New Era Caps with a "42" side patch. In addition, the recognition will include commemorative base jewels, lineup cards and "Breaking Barriers" batting practice shirts.



MLB is introducing a new campaign titled, "**We Are Jackie**," which will feature a new dedicated spot across MLB Media outlets, including MLB Network, [MLB.com](https://www.mlb.com) and [MLB.TV](https://www.mlb.tv); MLB broadcast partners including FOX, ESPN and NBC; across MLB owned social channels and in all ballparks on April 15th. The spot, which is available [HERE](#), is narrated by Hall of Famer **CC Sabathia**, who speaks about Jackie's unique combination of courage, determination and excellence. As the United States of America approaches its semiquincentennial, Sabathia's narration recognizes the extraordinary impact of Jackie breaking the color barrier when he says, "Jackie is not just baseball history, he is America's history." The initiative will also feature a social media interview series with a lineup of current and former players—including Sabathia, 2026 Hall of Fame Inductee Andruw Jones, 2022 Jackie Robinson NL Rookie of the Year Michael Harris II, Athletics outfielders Lawrence Butler and Denzel Clarke,

Victor Scott II of the St. Louis Cardinals and AUSL players Maya Brady and Jayda Coleman—who share personal insights into how Jackie’s legacy has shaped their careers and their own impact on the game today.

MLB Clubs will be recognizing Jackie Robinson Day locally in their ballparks with activation details at the end of the release. Each ballpark will showcase a rendition of the “We Are Jackie” Campaign Spot that will be featured on the scoreboard, [HERE](#).

On April 15th, ESPN will exclusively air the New York Mets vs. the reigning World Series Champion Los Angeles Dodgers from Dodger Stadium starting at 10:00 p.m. ET. In addition to featuring Jackie’s Dodgers, the game will feature the return of Joe Buck to ESPN’s baseball coverage and include a Jackie Robinson Day essay by longtime Major League player and broadcaster Doug Glanville.

Established on the historic site of Dodgertown, the Jackie Robinson Training Complex (JRTC) located in Vero Beach, Florida is operated by MLB and continues to serve as the primary stage for the league’s youth development initiatives throughout the year and several events surrounding Jackie Robinson Day. Events in connection with Jackie Robinson Day taking place at the JRTC include:

- **Trailblazer Series:** Now in its ninth iteration, the Trailblazer Series will take place April 17th-18th. The event provides girls, aged 12-14, who play baseball with development and educational opportunities centered around the spirit of the game's quintessential trailblazer.
- **PLAY BALL:** In conjunction with the Trailblazer Series, MLB will host a special Jackie Robinson Day PLAY BALL event on April 18th, giving over 200 kids aged 5-12 from local Indian River County the opportunity to participate in diamond sports. This event will be led by the Trailblazer Series athletes volunteering as coaches alongside MLB PLAY BALL Ambassador Justin Sherman.
- **MiLB Game:** The Jupiter Hammerheads and Palm Beach Frozen Iguanas will meet at Holman Stadium on Jackie Robinson Day, bringing the community together for an evening of baseball, history and impact.

Other events in connection with Jackie Robinson Day include:

- **MLB ID Tour:** Spanning 19 cities and 20 stops, this talent tour focuses on the graduating classes of 2029 and 2030 within underserved communities. The journey, which began on January 20th in Tempe, Arizona, will take place in Greenville/Spartanburg, South Carolina on Saturday, April 18th and in Atlanta, Georgia, on Sunday, April 19th.
- **Nike RBI Museum Trip:** Local Nike RBI participants visited the Jackie Robinson Museum in New York City on Saturday, April 11th to learn about Jackie's legacy and financial literacy - younger fans can engage with educational activities at MLBTogether.com/42.

This commitment to the future is reinforced by partners like **Capital One** which has donated over \$1 million to the Jackie Robinson Foundation since the Capital One Walk-Offs program began in 2022 and will continue its support this season by donating \$1,000 for every walk-off win during the 2026 Season. **MLB The Show 26** will once again sell game packs where proceeds will go to the JRF and showcase Jackie's legacy within gameplay.

Emmy Award-winning MLB Network Analyst Harold Reynolds will interview Los Angeles Angels outfielder Jo Adell and pitcher Brent Suter at the Jackie Robinson Museum in New York City for a feature on Wednesday's edition of *MLB Tonight: National Pregame Show* at 5:00 p.m. ET. Los Angeles Dodgers manager Dave Roberts, a product of UCLA like Jackie, will also join Wednesday's *National Pregame Show* to discuss Robinson's impact across baseball and beyond.

On April 15, 1947, Jackie Robinson broke Baseball's color barrier when he made his historic MLB debut. Every April 15th, baseball honors Jackie's legacy by celebrating his life, values and accomplishments. The extensive and unified League-wide show of support has included retiring Jackie's number throughout the Majors in 1997; dedicating April 15th as Jackie Robinson Day each year since 2004; and wearing number 42 on the field, a tradition that began with an idea by Hall of Famer Ken Griffey Jr. in 2007, which expanded to all on-field personnel wearing 42 for Jackie Robinson Day games since 2009.

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2026 Jackie Robinson Day Club Activities

MLB Together is working with each Club to host a special jersey auction as part of the Jackie Robinson Day celebrations. Each team will auction off one unique, team-signed "42" jersey, with all proceeds directly benefiting the Jackie Robinson Foundation.

Arizona Diamondbacks –

The Arizona Diamondbacks will celebrate Jackie Robinson Day with a series of events and community initiatives honoring the Hall of Famer's lasting legacy and impact on baseball, civil rights and equality. The celebration will culminate at Chase Field with special pregame recognition honoring Robinson's influence while spotlighting inspiring individuals and organizations who continue his spirit of service. As part of the ceremony, the Diamondbacks will recognize the D-backs Branch Boys & Girls Club Youth of the Year honorees, present a \$4,200 donation to support Boys & Girls Clubs of the Valley's Youth of the Year fund and highlight the organization's longstanding commitment to youth development through more than a decade of support and over \$2 million invested in the Arizona Diamondbacks Branch Boys & Girls Club in South Phoenix. The team will also welcome respected Phoenix community leader and Eastlake Neighborhood Association President Mr. Virgil "Jackie" Berry of Pilgrim Rest Baptist Church to throw out the ceremonial first pitch, honoring his decades of service and leadership in one of Phoenix's most historic neighborhoods.

Beyond the ballpark, the Diamondbacks will host Jackie Robinson Week programming at the D-backs Branch Boys & Girls Club from April 15th–17th featuring educational activities, art projects, museum-inspired learning experiences and an MLB The Show E-Sports tournament designed to teach youth about Robinson's life and impact. On April 18th, the club will host a JR42 outreach clinic at Salt River Fields at Talking Stick for members of the D-backs

Branch Boys & Girls Club and Pilgrim Rest Baptist Church, with participants receiving baseball instruction and learning the fundamentals of the game through hands-on skill development. Additionally, Diamondbacks representatives will participate in the ASU West Elevate Youth Career & Entrepreneurship Summit to speak with students about leadership, career development and opportunities in sports.

Athletics –

The A's will celebrate the life and legacy of the great Jackie Robinson with a special 42 A's hat giveaway. In addition to the hat giveaway and honoring Jackie's impact on baseball throughout the game, the A's will welcome Ronnie Belton III, an alumnus of the Jackie Robinson Foundation, who will throw out the ceremonial first pitch. Ronnie is a native of Sacramento and graduated from Grand Canyon University in 2023 with a bachelor's degree in psychology, with an emphasis in performance and sport psychology. He has a strong passion for baseball and played outfield for the Grand Canyon Lopes during college.

The A's Nonprofit Partner of the Game will be the Greater Sacramento Urban League, whose mission is to empower Black and other historically marginalized people throughout the region in securing economic self-reliance, educational fulfillment, social justice and civil rights while living well, being well and thriving.

Atlanta Braves –

On April 15th, children from the Jackie Robinson Boys & Girls Club of Cairo-Grady County (JRBGC) in Cairo, GA, will travel to Truist Park to enjoy a day of ballpark activities, and they will stand along the baselines with both teams during the national anthem before the Braves take on the Miami Marlins. The game's ceremonial first pitch will be thrown by Dymond Barron, a senior at Cairo High School who was selected as JRBGC's Youth of the Year for her outstanding contributions to her Club and community. Additionally, the Atlanta Braves Foundation will make a financial contribution to JRBGC to support the Club's programming.

Baltimore Orioles –

The Orioles will welcome the Jackie Robinson Foundation and Jackie Robinson scholars and alumni to the ballpark for a pregame ceremony where the Club will present the foundation with a \$10,000 donation. The Club will host a select number of scholars and alumni in the ownership suite for the game. The Orioles are also providing tickets and Jackie Robinson Day caps to 25 youth and staff from the YMCA of Central Maryland and Rosemont Elementary Middle School to the day's game.

Prior to Jackie Robinson Day, the Jackie Robinson Foundation will join the Orioles Community Engagement team to host a virtual educational program on the history of Jackie Robinson and his impact on the game of baseball, for students at their adopted school, Harlem Park Elementary Middle School.

Chicago White Sox –

The White Sox will celebrate Jackie Robinson Day on Wednesday, April 15th, honoring baseball's trailblazers and empowering the next generation of leaders in the classroom, on the field and beyond. Activations include:

- ACE 'Take the Field': Student-athletes from the organization's Amateur City Elite (ACE) program — which works to reverse declining interest and participation in baseball among Black youth — will participate in a high-five line and take the field recognition alongside the club's starting lineup. The group will then join in announcing "Play Ball" to open the game.
- Pregame Parade: Participants in the White Sox RBI Jersey program and families of ACE student-athletes will enjoy a pregame parade around the ballpark's warning track.
- Ceremonial First Pitch: Jahmal Cole, the founder and CEO of *My Block, My Hood, My City* and a dedicated advocate for social justice, will throw the game's ceremonial first pitch. Cole has been widely recognized for his leadership and is a multi-time Chicago Reader Activist of the Year, Chicago Magazine Chicagoan of the Year, Chicago Defender "Men of Excellence" Honoree, and a recipient of the American Red Cross Community Impact Hero Award.
- The White Sox also will host 15 students from the nonprofit's Explorers Program, aimed at providing immersion experiences to youth from under-resourced communities, for a sports industry networking panel and ballpark tour.

- Jackie Robinson Foundation Scholars: White Sox Charities and MLB continue support of two Jackie Robinson Foundation (JRF) Scholars, including The Ohio State University junior Makiya Knazze and Howard University sophomore Faith Harrison. JFP Scholars have a 98% college graduation rate, with the Foundation investing more than \$130M in scholarships and programming since 1973.
 - White Sox social media channels will spotlight the specialty "42" gear worn by players throughout the game.
- Negro Leagues Ties: This offseason, White Sox manager Will Venable participated in a tour of Chicago's South Side with viral historian Shermann "Dilla" Thomas. They discussed legendary Black baseball players while visiting historic homes tied to figures such as Mabel Banks, Andrew "Rube" Foster and Robert S. Abbott, founder of the Chicago Defender. Stories and resources about the White Sox connection to the Negro Leagues are available at whitesox.com/negroleagues.

Cincinnati Reds –

The Reds will honor Jackie Robinson and the 79th anniversary of his historic breaking of baseball's color barrier with a series of events at the Reds Youth Academy and Great American Ball Park.

- The commemoration began April 11th at the P&G MLB Cincinnati Reds Youth Academy, featuring the Joe Morgan HBCU Classic between the Wilberforce University and Ohio Christian University baseball teams, with players wearing Negro League-style uniforms in tribute.
- The day included high school baseball and softball games as part of the Skyline Chili Reds Futures High Showcase presented by PNC, along with an HBCU College Fair connecting local students with higher education opportunities.
- The celebration continues April 15th with programming at the Reds Youth Academy, including a Reds player Q&A session and an HBCU matchup between Wilberforce University and Kentucky State University teams.
- That evening, the Reds will host the San Francisco Giants at Great American Ball Park, where all players, managers and coaches will wear Robinson's iconic No. 42.
- Fans in attendance will receive a commemorative patch and pregame ceremonies will highlight members of Cincinnati's African American community, reinforcing Robinson's enduring legacy and the sport's ongoing commitment to equality and inclusion.

Detroit Tigers –

To celebrate Jackie Robinson Day, the Detroit Tigers will host a "Breaking Barriers" roundtable discussion at Comerica Park Tigers NIKE RBI athletes. This event will provide youth participants with an opportunity to hear directly from sports professionals and a chance to learn more about career pathways within sports and entertainment. The event will highlight Jackie Robinson's nine core values and provide space for youth and adults to discuss shared experiences and influences, and local Jackie Robinson Foundation Scholars will attend the event.

In the spirit of educating youth on Jackie Robinson's nine values (courage, determination, commitment, persistence, integrity, justice, teamwork, citizenship and excellence), Ilitch Sports + Entertainment colleagues and Jackie Robinson Foundation Scholars will discuss their careers and the influence Jackie – and other individuals that they know – have had on their development personally and professionally.

Attendees will also be invited to watch Tigers Batting Practice prior to the discussion and pending availability, meet with a Tigers player/coach/broadcaster. A current Jackie Robinson Foundation Scholar is expected to throw out a Ceremonial First Pitch following a short pregame ceremony.

Houston Astros –

For Jackie Robinson Day, the Astros will host a private Breaking Barriers panel conversation pregame on April 15th, where players, coaches and staff will speak with Astros Youth Academy participants on their experiences breaking barriers in baseball, the legacy of Jackie Robinson and more. 350 Astros Nike Jr. RBI League players will also attend that night's Astros game vs. the Colorado Rockies.

All pregame activities for the Astros' game on April 15th vs. the Rockies will be dedicated to Jackie Robinson Day, with a ceremonial first pitch from an Astros Youth Academy participant, the National Anthem performed by Jeanette Spinks, the first African American Police Sergeant for the Houston Police Department and the Play Ball Call from JC Hartman, the Astros' first African American player.

A portion of the proceeds from the April 15th LGI Homes Share2Care 50/50 Raffle will go to the Jackie Robinson Scholarship Foundation.

Kansas City Royals –

On Wednesday, April 15th, the Kansas City Urban Youth Academy (UYA) and the Royals Foundations will be collaborating for our annual Jackie Robinson Day celebration. The program will run from 10:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. CT at the UYA, followed by a self-guided tour at the Negro Leagues Baseball Museum.

We will be welcoming 113 area students, who will then also be given the opportunity to attend the game on Monday, April 20th against the Baltimore Orioles in the Hall of Fame Suites.

Los Angeles Angels –

Los Angeles Angels outfielder Jo Adell and pitcher Brent Suter visited the Jackie Robinson Museum in New York on Tuesday, April 14th to honor and learn more about the legacy of Jackie Robinson.

On Wednesday, April 15th, the Angels Baseball Foundation is hosting their 6th annual “Angels JR42 Clinic presented by Nike.” Taking place on Jackie Robinson Day at Zion Lutheran School, the clinic will provide an outlet for children in Anaheim and the surrounding community to participate in a youth baseball and softball event to learn more about Jackie Robinson’s impact on the game and society. Approximately 75-100 pre-registered children, aged 6-12, will participate in a station-rotation event, learning skills such as: hitting, throwing, fielding, baserunning and the mental focus necessary to be an athlete and succeed in life. One of the stations will focus specifically on teaching the kids teamwork, leadership and confidence, all skills shared by the clinic’s namesake, Jackie Robinson. Each child participant will receive an Angels hat and t-shirt.

Los Angeles Dodgers –

The Dodgers will close out their homestand against the New York Mets on Jackie Robinson Day. A commemorative jersey, presented by UCLA Health, will be passed out to fans in attendance for the 7:10 p.m. PT game. Prior to the game, the Mets will join the Dodgers for their annual Jackie Robinson Day reflection at No. 42’s statue in Centerfield Plaza. Joining the ballclubs will be Bob Kendrick, President of Negro Leagues Baseball Museum, alongside Jackie Robinson Foundation scholars and Robinson’s granddaughters, Sonya Pankey Robinson and Ayo Robinson.

The Los Angeles Dodgers Foundation (LADF) will mark Jackie Robinson Day 2026 by celebrating its LADF/Jackie Robinson Foundation (JRF) scholars and alumni for a meaningful lineup of experiences, including attendance at the Jackie Robinson statue event and a career development panel hosted by LADF and the Dodgers Black Action Network. Scholars will also participate in pregame activations, including a ceremonial first pitch and on-field recognition saying “It’s Time For Dodger Baseball”, while 50 JRF alumni and Dodgers Dreamteam youth from Jackie Robinson Park are celebrated in-game.

In addition, LADF’s 50/50 Raffle will help support 10 Los Angeles Dodgers Foundation/Jackie Robinson Scholars. Since 2003, the Dodgers and Los Angeles Dodgers Foundation have supported 75 Jackie Robinson Foundation Scholars in addressing their financial needs and providing extensive, hands-on mentoring and support services.

Miami Marlins –

The Marlins will celebrate the life and legacy of Hall of Famer and civil rights activist Jackie Robinson through various events and activities in the days leading up to and after the MLB-wide recognition on April 15th.

The Miami Marlins hosted the fifth annual Jackie Robinson Classic presented by NIKE on Friday, April 10th, at loanDepot park between Miami Senior High and Booker T. Washington High, two local schools located just a few minutes from loanDepot park. Both teams took the field at loanDepot park in a true MLB experience, with player introductions, walk-up music and in-game entertainment. Prior to the game, the student-athletes participated in several pregame activities.

The Player Alliance hosted an “Equip the Future” roundtable with former professional baseball players driving the conversation and Marlins World Series Champion Charles Johnson discussed Jackie Robinson’s legacy both on and

off the field. The student athletes received customized Marlins shirts with the number 42 on the back, along with one of Jackie's nine values.

Following the road trip, the Marlins will begin their third homestand on Friday, April 17th. On April 18th, the Jackie Robinson Classic teams will return to loanDepot park to be recognized during the game.

Milwaukee Brewers –

Young artists ages 8–17 are invited to showcase their creativity while honoring the legacy of Jackie Robinson. Parents can submit their child's original jersey, sneaker or poster design that represents social justice, equality and positive change in their school or community.

This contest encourages young designers to use art and storytelling to show how Jackie Robinson's impact continues to inspire progress today. Inspired by Jackie's core values: citizenship, commitment, courage, determination, excellence, integrity, justice, persistence and teamwork, the top three winners will be invited to the ballpark on April 15th to participate in a pregame ceremony. Their designs will also be featured on the scoreboard and the first-place winner will have the opportunity to throw out the ceremonial first pitch.

The Brewers will feature MLB-provided videos about Jackie Robinson and play Jackie Robinson-themed features during inning breaks. The scoreboard will also feature the number 42 throughout in-game elements.

Minnesota Twins –

The Twins will celebrate Jackie Robinson's enduring legacy throughout their April 15th home game vs. the Boston Red Sox at Target Field, and on Club social and digital platforms. The Club will honor several individuals and groups that exemplify Jackie's nine values:

- Fans entering Target Field will be treated to a performance by Minnesota's Ozone Creations, an eclectic collective amplifying the rich tapestry of Afrocentric music.
- Pregame ceremonies will honor the Northside Bulldogs, a North Minneapolis group dedicated to uplifting youth through character building, leadership skills and community service.
- A ceremonial first pitch will be thrown by Antione Jenkins, a Twin Cities-based designer, art director, painter – and commissioned artist for Target Field's forthcoming "Baseball Heroes" mural, which will honor Black baseball legends with ties to the Upper Midwest.
- The Twins Territory Flag will be raised by staff from Appetite for Change, a community-led nonprofit that uses food as a tool to build health, wealth and social change in North Minneapolis.
- Our National Anthem will be sung by Twin Cities-based vocalist, voice instructor and creative Aja Darrah.
- The Target Field videoboard will run various Jackie Robinson vignettes during inning breaks.
- The Northside Bulldogs will also lead fans in a rendition of "Take Me Out to the Ballgame" during the 7th-inning stretch.
- Twins' social platforms and the Twins.TV broadcast will feature reflections from Twins All-Star centerfielder Byron Buxton, infielder Royce Lewis and right-handed pitcher Simeon Woods Richardson.

New York Yankees –

As part of a league-wide celebration of Jackie Robinson Day, the New York Yankees will host the New York Urban League's Non-Profit Leadership Summit at Yankee Stadium. This Summit will feature funders, corporate partners, industry experts and elected officials from across New York to explore best practices in Artificial Intelligence, Workforce Development, Storytelling, Fundraising and Advocacy. This year's focus—Advancing Leadership, Equity, and Impact—reflects Jackie Robinson's enduring legacy of transformative leadership and honors the dedicated nonprofit leaders who break down societal barriers to increase access across our communities. Attendees will include over 100 mid and senior leaders of our Communities of Color Nonprofit Stabilization Fund (CCNSF) and grantees of the New York State Black Legislative Task Force (NYSBLT) funding initiative.

Philadelphia Phillies –

The Phillies will mark Jackie Robinson Day with several special events on Wednesday, April 15th, honoring the legacy of Jackie Robinson and his impact on baseball and the community.

At 11:00 a.m. ET, the Phillies will take part in a Jackie Robinson Day Celebration at the Miller Parker Philadelphia Stars Negro League Memorial Park in West Philadelphia. This free, outdoor event will celebrate Jackie Robinson and the Philadelphia Stars and feature special appearances by the Phillie Phanatic and Phillies ambassadors Milt Thompson, Dickie Noles and Mickey Morandini. Additional highlights include major renovation announcements planned for the park this year, as well as the unveiling of a new design for the reimagined Philadelphia Stars Negro League Baseball mural, created in collaboration with artist David McShane and West Parkside community leaders. The event will also include guest speakers, food and giveaways.

The celebration will continue later that evening at Citizens Bank Park, where the Phillies will honor Jackie Robinson's life and legacy with an on-field tribute prior to the game against the Chicago Cubs. Highlights include a ceremonial first pitch by Ron Duckett, son of the late Philadelphia Stars player Mahlon Duckett, and the national anthem performed by Jillian Patricia Pirtle of the Marian Anderson Museum & Historical Society. The Club will also recognize its 2026 Jackie Robinson Foundation Scholar, Zachary Onsinyo, a junior at the University of Pennsylvania, as well as Jackie Robinson RBI Scholar Ian Smith.

San Francisco Giants –

The San Francisco Giants will celebrate Jackie Robinson Day from the road on April 15th when we face the Detroit Tigers by educating fans about Jackie's legacy through television and radio broadcast drop ins and social media posts. The scoreboard at Oracle Park will pay tribute to Jackie and his historic contributions to the game of baseball and beyond. The Giants will also continue to support Jackie Robinson Scholars through the Jackie Robinson Foundation.

San Diego Padres –

Johnny Ritchey holds a special place in Padres history as a San Diego native who broke the color barrier in the Pacific Coast League in 1948 when he signed with his hometown team. At a time when Major League Baseball was not yet in the Western United States, Ritchey was the first – and often the only – black player on the field in ballparks throughout the West Coast. The Padres celebrate Ritchey's legacy through the Johnny Ritchey Scholarship Program and the Breaking Barriers Forum.

The Johnny Ritchey Scholarship Program recognizes high school seniors who have overcome significant barriers in their academic, athletic or personal lives. The Padres Foundation, in partnership with the California Masons Foundation and Reality Changers, annually awards a combined \$100,000 in scholarships to 10 deserving students to be used in their pursuit of higher education. Each recipient is a first-generation college student. On April 15th, the Padres will honor this year's scholarship recipients at Petco Park with a special pregame ceremony, celebrating the inspiring students who embody the spirit of Johnny Ritchey.

The Padres will host their annual Breaking Barriers Forum on April 14th at the San Diego Central Library, which highlights and pays tribute to athletes and local community members who have faced and conquered adversity in their lives. The forum exists to honor the legacy of Johnny Ritchey and empower future generations to continue breaking barriers. Moderated by Padres sideline reporter Mariluz Cook, this year's forum will feature three panelists – Padres reliever Mason Miller, Rudy Garcia-Tolson, and Beatriz Hatz – who will share their stories in front of an audience of students from E3 High School.

Seattle Mariners –

New in 2026, the Mariners wear Seattle Steelheads uniforms during every Sunday home game at T-Mobile Park in honor of the 1946 Seattle Steelheads Negro Leagues club. Seattle is the first MLB team to feature a historic Negro Leagues uniform as part of the Club's standard uniform rotation. In January, the Mariners also launched the Steelheads Community Fund with a \$500,000 commitment in support of local, Black-led baseball and softball organizations and community initiatives. The Mariners and their partners support an extensive list of programs focused on advancing inclusion and opportunity and for youth facing barriers to play, including Hometown Nine, Mariners Nike RBI programming with Baseball Beyond Borders, Friends of Baseball and Gamers Alaska, Recess Takeover, Fund Your Future Student Resource Fair, Equipment Donation Grants and more.

St. Louis Cardinals –

In conjunction with MLB's league-wide celebration commemorating the 79th anniversary of Jackie Robinson breaking baseball's color barrier, players and coaches will continue the tradition of wearing blue "42" jersey numbers. The Cardinals will hold a pregame ceremony recognizing local Jackie Robinson Foundation Scholars, with a ceremonial first pitch. Cardinals sponsor, Community America Credit Union and Cardinals Care, have committed \$40,000 annually to fund two Jackie Robinson Foundation College Scholarships. Cardinals Care in partnership with Nike will present three Jackie Robinson Foundation Grants to Jordan Walker's *Walker's Winners* program, the Urban League of Metropolitan Saint Louis, Inc. and The Black Rep. Educational activities about Jackie Robinson will also be available for kids at the Cardinals Care community kiosks located on the main concourse behind Sections 165 and 172.

Tampa Bay Rays –

The Tampa Bay Rays will celebrate Jackie Robinson Day at home on April 24th against the Minnesota Twins. The national anthem will be performed by the President and CEO of the Gulf Coast Jewish Family and Community Center, Sandra Braham. Gulf Coast JFCS is a nonsectarian, community-based, Florida nonprofit that helps the most vulnerable individuals in our community, from babies to seniors, find safety, comfort and a path toward a fulfilling life. The ceremonial first pitch on April 24th will be thrown by Alicia Harvey-Lopez, the 2026 Tampa Bay Rays Jackie Robinson Foundation scholar.

In partnership with Nike, nine Burg Baseball Little League players will be recognized pregame for exemplifying Jackie Robinson's nine core values—courage, determination, teamwork, persistence, integrity, citizenship, justice, commitment and excellence—and they will join Rays players on the field for the national anthem. The Rays will also recognize their 2026 Jackie Robinson Grant recipients with an in-game check presentation; each of the five recipients will receive \$20,000 from the Rays Up Foundation. The recipients are AMIKids, Girls Inc. of Pinellas County, Rebuilding Together Greater Florida, Stillpoint Mission and The Studio@620.

Additionally, the Rays will host students from the Poynter Write Field Program, a writing and mentoring program for African American and Hispanic middle and high school students from Pinellas and Hillsborough Counties. The students will interview a Rays player before the game, with their articles to be featured in the Tampa Bay Times. Finally, the Rays will host 200 participants from Burg Baseball at the game with complimentary tickets and food vouchers provided by the Players Alliance.

Texas Rangers –

The Texas Rangers will celebrate Jackie Robinson Day on April 15th, honoring Jackie Robinson's enduring legacy and his historic impact on the game of baseball and society. As part of Major League Baseball's league-wide observance marking the 79th anniversary of Robinson breaking baseball's color barrier, Rangers players and coaches will proudly continue the tradition of wearing blue "42" jersey numbers in his honor.

The Club will also educate fans about Jackie Robinson's legacy through coordinated storytelling across Rangers Sports Network television and radio broadcasts of Wednesday night's game against the Athletics in Sacramento, as well as dedicated content on the Club's social media platforms.

Toronto Blue Jays –

With the Blue Jays on the road, the Club will mark this significant day on all its social channels, ensuring Jackie Robinson's legacy is celebrated beyond the ballpark. The Club will honour Jackie Robinson through dedicated story content, the starting lineup graphics, and photos of players wearing their iconic "42" gear. All in-game "42" items, including player jerseys, hats, socks and the lineup card, will be authenticated and made available through auction, with proceeds benefiting Jays Care Foundation's RBI program and its ongoing efforts to increase access to baseball for youth across Canada.

Washington Nationals –

In recognition of Jackie Robinson Day, Scholar Athletes at the Nationals Youth Baseball Academy, the signature program of Nationals Philanthropies, will honor Robinson's legacy with themed program activities during the week of April 15th. Additionally, later this month, fans will have the opportunity to bid on autographed, game-worn Nationals jerseys from Jackie Robinson Day at [Nationals.com/JRD](https://www.nationals.com/JRD). Proceeds from the jersey auction will benefit the Jackie Robinson Foundation and Nationals Youth Baseball Academy.