



NEWSLETTER

Summer 2026

About Us:

Welcome to the Summer issue of the Baseball Assistance Team (B.A.T.) newsletter!

B.A.T. serves as a confidential lifeline for members of the Baseball Family facing medical, financial, or psychological challenges. Our goal is simple: to provide a short term bridge back to self-sufficiency when there is nowhere else to turn.

To the members of the Baseball Family affected by the earthquakes in Venezuela: our thoughts are with you. B.A.T. continues to closely follow the recovery and relief efforts. You can contact us at **bat@mlb.com** or **(212)-931-7822**



Find Information On:

- Success Stories
- Google Career Certificates
- Financial Education Resources
- Useful Links
- Community & Contact Info!



[Find Out More About B.A.T.](#)



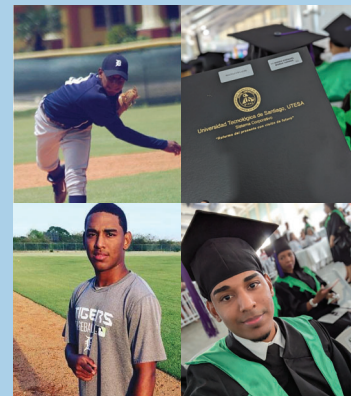
Success Stories

Former Minor League Player with the Detroit Tigers Completes his College Education

Santo Domingo, D.R.

B.A.T. scholarship recipient **Dionis Ezequiel Muñoz** was able to graduate college and earn his degree in Psychology. Although his journey has not been easy, his resilience has helped him in his transition. Dionis has always been actively taking advantage of the resources at his disposal. The B.A.T. Scholarship Program has been of great impact in Dionis' transition, but his work ethic and commitment to seeing beyond the field are admirable.

"I want to secure a position where I can settle in and provide value to an organization, both socially and personally. I am currently studying English and taking Google's cybersecurity course to expand my employment opportunities. I am very interested in working at the MLB or BAT offices, where I can give talks to prospects, guide them onto the right path, and help them achieve success in both their baseball careers and their personal lives."



Jilber Rafael Rosario Cedano - Mental Skills Coach For Tampa Bay Rays

Santo Domingo, D.R.

After being released from professional baseball, Jilber did not know what path to go and he had a lot going on in his life at the time. A former teammate had told him about B.A.T. and our scholarship program. He applied for a scholarship grant and was able to go and finish his studies on which he majored in Psychology because he understood that it would help him support others that went through similar situations as him being a former player. Jilber not only graduated college but also got hired by the Tampa Bay Rays, where he has advance his career. He first started off working in the clubhouse, then as a strength and conditioning coach, and more recently as a mental skills coach. Jilber is now entering his third year with the Tampa Bay Rays.

"Now that I have graduated, my goal is to continue growing as a sports psychologist and to further specialize in athletes' mental performance. I want to help more baseball players develop the psychological tools needed to perform at their best—not only in the sport but also as individuals. I would like to express my deepest gratitude to B.A.T. for the invaluable support they have provided me. At a critical time when my father was seriously ill, their support—both financial and emotional—was crucial. I also want to thank them for helping me pay for my master's degree in sports psychology; when I decided to start the program, I was in a very difficult financial situation and could not afford it.

I am eternally grateful."





Google Career Certificates

Growing with Google!

Last month, we hosted a webinar in collaboration with our partners at Google and went over the Google Career Certificates program which we have full access to—*12 different certificates and courses*. We were joined by Ellie Powers, Marketing Manager with the Grow with Google team and Edwin Nin, Technical Account Manager at Google and former professional baseball player. Ellie presented about the 12 different certificates and short term courses we have access at no cost, while Edwin touched base on his transition into the tech field and important skills people can gain going through these types of certificates that have personally helped land his current role at Google.

With these initiatives, we intend to create more awareness and encourage former players to utilize these types of professional and skill development resources they have access to through us.

If you'd like to access the slide deck and obtain more information about the Google Career Certificates program, click on this [link](#) to access.

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Google Career Certificates & AI Training

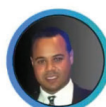
MLB Baseball Assistance Team Webinar

MLB athletes have no-cost
access to Google AI & career
training

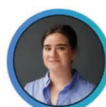
Today's speakers



Leonel Bejarán
Sr. Career Transition Specialist,
B.A.T. & MLB



Edwin Nin
Technical Account Manager,
Google
Former Pro Minor League
Baseball Player



Ellie Powers
Marketing Manager,
Grow with Google



[Click here if you would like to see a recording of the webinar](#)



Financial Education Resources



All One Health

Financial stress can feel overwhelming, but you do not have to navigate it alone. This guide bridges the gap between immediate relief and lasting independence, aligning with the Baseball Assistance Team's mission to help the Baseball Family build true self-sufficiency. Inside, you will find a straightforward roadmap to simplify budgeting, master your credit score, and handle debt strategically. Take the first step toward reclaiming your peace of mind and building a secure future.

[Click here to access a free financial toolkit provided by All One Health](#)



New York Life Resources

Below you will see a list of educational material and tools provided by New York Life who is one of MLB's sponsors. Topics and resources covered include budgeting, an expenses calculator and material to help create savings goals.

Get access to tools New York Life utilizes with their own customers so people can recover, rebuild, and thrive. You can access the materials and tools by clicking on the links below:

Helpful Links

- [How to Make a Personal Monthly Budget | New York Life](#)
- [How to Make a Simple "20/50/30" Budget](#)
- [Living Expenses Calculator | New York Life](#)
- [Savings Goals Calculator - Start Your Saving Plan | New York Life](#)



TOOLS & RESOURCES

Take advantage of everything B.A.T. has to offer!

In this section, you will familiarize yourself with the different resources and tools available through B.A.T. These are free and will help you ease your transition into whichever field you decide to pursue. By adding and sharpening new skills, you will be a more competitive and prepared person for the job market.



Career Transition Assistance Scholarship Program

- Technical and Vocational Courses
- Certifications
- High School Diploma
- Undergraduate Programs



Podium X - Job Search Prep

- Resume & Cover Letter Builder
- Interview Preparation
- Job Board
- 1 on 1 assistance
- Integrated AI



Google Career Certificates Program

- **AI Certificate**
 - AI Essentials (Shorter Course)
 - Prompting Essentials (Shorter Course)
- **Data Analytics**
 - Advanced Data Analytics (Especially)
 - Business Intelligence (Especially)
- **Project Management**
 - Agile Essentials (Shorter Course)
- **Marketing & E-commerce**
- **Cybersecurity**
- **UX Design**
- **IT Support**
 - IT Automation with Python (Especially)

If you are interested in signing up, eligible for B.A.T.'s benefits, and/or have any questions contact leonel.bejaran@mlb.com or andy.robles@mlb.com for more information.



Useful Links & Upcoming Events

JOB OPPORTUNITIES



- [Corporate Responsibility Intern - New York Life](#)

- This internship offers a unique opportunity to gain exposure to corporate philanthropy, nonprofit partnerships, employee engagement programs, social impact strategy, and Foundation operations.



- [MLB Career Site](#)

- [Find League and Club Opportunities Here!](#)



- [TeamWork Online Site](#)

- [Find Opportunities in the Sports and Entertainment Industry Here!](#)



- [Adecco Staffing](#)

- [Job Opportunities for U.S. Residents](#)
- [Job Opportunities for Puerto Rico Residents](#)
 - Email leonel.bejaran@mlb.com if you apply for an opportunity. A referral will be made to land a potential job interview.



- [DBAT](#)

- [Opportunities for Former Players](#)

UPCOMING EVENTS



- [MLB Umpire Camps Registration](#)

- New York City, NY - Registration Opens July 22nd



- [2026 MLB Scout & Coaching Development Program](#)

- Deadline to apply is August 3rd, 2026



- [2026 Career Development Summit](#)

- Fort Lauderdale, FL - November 20 - November 22



Stay connected!

We are trying to keep all former players up to date with our programs, success stories, resources and tools. We continue to build communities across social media channels and ask that you connect with us on LinkedIn (below) and forward this newsletter to other former players who might be interested in obtaining updates.



Former MLB & MiLB Players Network & Community - LinkedIn

- [Group for Former Players](#)



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