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We are speaking of the Joseph L. Bruno Stadium, which for the last 21 years has been home to the Tri-City ValleyCats, who have won championships and hearts with thrilling games and captivating performances.

The 2023 season will be no different. The ValleyCats will add to the over 100 players who have played in Major League Baseball but got their start right here under the lights in Troy. Stars like Kumar Rocker and Andrew Bellatti are just the latest 'Cats to have their names added to the roster of big-league greats.

If this is your first visit to The Joe, welcome. Say hello to Southpaw and take in the sights. You will likely join those who make a visit to the park adjacent to Hudson Valley Community College a regular stop. You will witness game-winning home runs, stellar defense plays and gutsy heroics. This is baseball in a pure form.

The ValleyCats are stars off the field as well. Over 200 people are employed by the ball club, and the 'Cats regularly support community and youth organizations. The 2023 year is the third year for the 'Cats competing in the Frontier League, which offers an expanded schedule starting in May that means more innings and more heroics.

Rensselaer County is proud to join the ValleyCats in sponsoring some terrific events in 2023, including:

- Rensselaer County Family Day on August 13, featuring replica jerseys for all kids at the game and a chance to meet ValleyCats players.
- Rensselaer County Fall Fest, October 13 and October 14.

There are so many great things in Rensselaer County and the ValleyCats are one of the major parts of fun and family during days and nights at the diamond. While at The Joe, also check out one of the many restaurants and shops that contribute so much to our county. Best wishes to Manager Pete Incaviglia and the 2023 ValleyCats as they play hard and pursue greatness.

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There are three different types of classifications for players in the Frontier League: Rookie (which can be divided into Rookie-1 and Rookie-2), Experienced, and Veteran. Players that do not satisfy the minimum appearance qualification for one professional season are considered to be Rookie-1. Players that satisfy the minimum appearance qualification for only one professional season are considered to be Rookie-2.

Experienced players are satisfy the minimum appearance qualification two or more professional seasons and are born after September 30, 1994. Veterans are any players that are born on September 30, 1994 or earlier, regardless of playing time experience.

There are several exceptions to these rules. Any player whose birthday is on October 1, 2001 or later cannot be considered any higher than Rookie-2. Any player who has served on active military duty will receive an exemption of the age limit of Veteran status of one year for each year the player serves on active military duty. Any position player that is converting to a pitcher, and any pitcher that is converting to a position player will have their classification set a Rookie-2 as long as they do not appear in the previous position they are switching from during the 2023 Frontier League season (batting/running or pitching depending on the switch).

Players without prior MiLB experience must be at least 18 years old to play in the Frontier League. Each club must carry 10 Rookies (which can be any combination of Rookie-1 and Rookie-2 players), and may carry a maximum of 14 players under the Experienced or Veteran classification during the regular season and the postseason on their active roster. No more than four players can have Veteran status. The regular season and playoff rosters must have 28 players, with 22 to 24 of them being active. Prior to the last Sunday before Opening Day, teams can have a maximum roster of 34 active and inactive players.



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From "The Joe" to "The Show"

JOE TO THE SHOW UPDATES PRESENTED BY CURTIS LUMBER COMPANY AND THERMA-TRU DOORS

OF CARSON MCCUSKER WAS THE FIRST MEMBER OF THE 2023 VALLEYCATS TO SIGN WITH AN AFFILIATED BASEBALL CLUB. HIS CONTRACT WAS SOLD TO THE MINNESOTA TWINS ON JUNE 28, AND HE HAS BEEN ASSIGNED TO SINGLE-A FORT MYERS. THE SPARKS, NV NATIVE WAS WITH THE VALLEYCATS SINCE 2021, AND HAD A BREAKOUT SEASON THIS YEAR. AT THE TIME OF HIS DEPARTURE, HE PACED THE FRONTIER LEAGUE WITH A .433 BATTING AVERAGE, 17 HOMERS, 51 RBI, AND .822 SLUGGING PERCENTAGE. HE BECAME THE FOURTH PLAYER IN TRI-CITY HISTORY TO WIN A FRONTIER LEAGUE PLAYER OF THE WEEK AWARD. THE 25-YEAR OLD LEAVES THE VALLEYCATS WITH 29 HOMERS, THIRD ALL-TIME IN THEIR 21-SEASON FRANCHISE HISTORY.



THE NEXT PLAYER ON THIS LIST IS **RHP BRANDON BIELAK**. THE RIGHT-HANDED RELIEVER-TURNED-STARTER IS In his fourth big league season with the Houston Astros. One of his best starts in the bigs came on July 4, 2023 where he hurled seven shutout frames in a 4-1 victory over the colorado rockies at minute maid park. The edison, nj native played with tri-city in 2017. He was originally selected by the astros in the 11th round (331st pick overall) of the 2017 MLB Amateur draft out of the university of notre dame, and signed for \$150,000.



ANOTHER FORMER VALLEYCATS PITCHER ON THE ASTROS IS RHP SHAWN DUBIN. HE IS THE 110TH PLAYER TO GO FROM "THE JOE" TO "THE SHOW". THE GEORGETOWN COLLEGE PRODUCT MADE HIS MLB DEBUT FOR THE ASTROS AGAINST THE NEW YORK METS AT CITI FIELD ON JUNE 19, 2023. HE MADE A SPOT START AND LASTED THREE INNINGS FOR HOUSTON. DUBIN MADE HIS PROFES-SIONAL DEBUT WITH TRI-CITY IN 2018. THE ALLEGANY, NY NATIVE WAS SELECTED IN THE 13TH ROUND (402ND OVERALL PICK) OF THE 2018 MLB AMATEUR DRAFT BY HOUSTON. AND SIGNED FOR \$1.000.

INF GRAE KESSINGER IS THE 109TH VALLEYCAT TO GO FROM "THE JOE" TO "THE SHOW". HE MADE HIS MAJOR League debut for the astros on june 7, 2023. He was selected by houston in the second round (68TH overall) of the 2019 MLB amateur draft out of the University of Mississippi, and Signed For \$750,000. The Oxford, MS Native made his professional debut with the Valleycats in 2019. His grandfather, don Kessinger, is immortalized in the chicago cubs hall of fame. Don was a six-time All-star, and two-time gold glove Award Winner that played in the big leagues for 16 seasons.

From "The Joe" to "The Show"

ONE OF THE LONGEST TENURED MAJOR LEAGUERS AND FORMER VALLEYCATS ON THIS LIST IS DH J.D. MARTINEZ. THE SIX-TIME ALL-STAR AND 2018 WORLD SERIES CHAMPION WITH THE BOSTON RED SOX MADE HIS MLB DEBUT FOR THE ASTROS IN 2011. HE HAS SINCE PLAYED FOR THE DETROIT TIGERS, ARIZONA DIAMONDBACKS, RED SOX, AND LOS ANGELES DODGERS. MARTINEZ REPRESENTED THE DODGERS IN THIS YEAR'S MIDSUMMER CLASSIC AT T-MOBILE PARK IN SEATTLE, AND WENT 2-FOR-2 WITH A DOUBLE AND A RUN SCORED AS THE NATIONAL LEAGUE DEFEATED THE AMERICAN LEAGUE FOR THE FIRST TIME SINCE 2012. THE MIAMI, FL NATIVE CLOBBERED HIS SECOND LONG BALL OF THE GAME, AND HIS 300TH MAJOR LEAGUE HOME RUN IN THE DODGERS 5-0 WIN IN COLORADO AGAINST THE ROCKIES ON JUNE 27, 2023. HOUSTON SIGNED THE PRODIGIOUS SLUGGER OUT OF DII NOVA SOUTHEASTERN UNIVERSITY IN THE 20TH ROUND OF THE 2009 MLB AMATUER DRAFT.



THE SECOND MLB ALL-STAR ON THIS LIST IS LHP FRAMBER VALDEZ. THE FIFTH YEAR BIG LEAGUER IS THE ACE OF HOUSTON'S ROTATION. THE SOUTHPAW FINISHED FIFTH IN THE AL CY YOUNG AWARD RACE LAST SEASON, AND WAS SELECTED TO HIS SECOND CONSECUTIVE MIDSUMMER CLASSIC. A 2022 WORLD SERIES CHAMPION WITH HOUSTON, VALDEZ LED THE MAJORS LAST YEAR WITH 201 INNINGS PITCHED AND THREE COMPLETES GAMES. THE 2016 'CAT WAS SIGNED OUT OF SABANA GRANDE DE PALANQUE OF THE DOMINI-CAN REPUBLIC AS A 21-YEAR OLD IN 2015.



Who's the next 'Cat to reach the bigs? Stay tuned to tcvalleycats.com and the ValleyCats' social media accounts for more "Joe to the Show" Updates!





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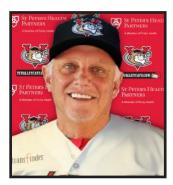


Pete Incaviglia, Field Manager

Pete Incaviglia returns to lead the ValleyCats for his third season. As the skipper of the 'Cats over the last two seasons, the 12-year MLB veteran with over 35 years of professional baseball experience has amassed a 102-86 record. In his second season at the helm of the ValleyCats, Incaviglia became the third manager in team history to eclipse the 100-win mark, joining Ed Romero and Gregg Langbehn. The infamous power hitter, who was named the Player of the (20th) Century by Baseball America, coached Tri-City hitters to a Frontier League-leading 162 home runs, and a .288 team batting average, the third best in the league in 2022.

Brooks Carey, Pitching Coach

Brooks Carey joins the ValleyCats after spending the past four seasons as the New Jersey Jackals' Field Manager. At the helm with the Jackals, Carey captured a 2019 Can-Am League championship, and became the franchise's second-winningest manager of all-time, with 182 wins. Prior to joining the Jackals, the 10th rounder for the Baltimore Orioles in the 1978 MLB Draft was the skipper of the Normal CornBelters, a former member of the Frontier League. Carey led the franchise to their first-ever winning season, and in four seasons amassed a record of 248-230. He has also served as the Pitching Coach for the Sussex Skyhawks (2008 & 2009), the Normal CornBelters (2010 & 2011), and the Evansville Otters (2012).





Thomas Incaviglia, Third Base & Bench Coach

The nephew of manager Pete Incaviglia, Thomas Incaviglia enters his third season as the Third Base and Bench Coach for the Tri-City ValleyCats. Incaviglia played professionally for the Grand Prairie AirHogs of the American Association for two seasons, and played collegiately at Oklahoma State, Texas, and Cal State Monterey Bay, winning an NCAA Division I National Championship with the Longhorns. Thomas has spent the offseason gaining managerial experience in the California Winter League, the Official Winter League of the Frontier League.

SouthPaw, Mascot & Fun Instructor

The coolest cat in town, and longest-tenured member of the team, SouthPaw enters his twenty-first season as the ValleyCats' mascot. After being immortalized as one of the first members of the ValleyCats bobblehead family, the big cat will be honored a second time this season. The first 1,000 fans at the gate on August 22nd will receive a bobblehead of SouthPaw ringing his beloved cowbell, courtesy of American National Insurance Company.



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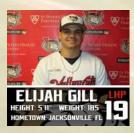




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MEET THE 2023 VOICE OF THE VALLEYCATS

Adam Cohen joins the ValleyCats organization as the Media Relations Coordinator and Broadcaster. He is a New York City native that is in his second professional broadcasting season after being the Erie SeaWolves (Detroit Tigers Double-A affiliate) Broadcast/Media Relations Assistant in 2022.

Prior to his professional career, Adam started broadcasting when he took a gap year in Israel after graduating from high school in 2018. He was a player, coach, and umpire for the Israel Association of Baseball. His passion for broadcasting stemmed from calling games off his computer at 2 am, and interviewing Jewish baseball players.

Following his time in Israel, Adam had broadcasting internships in the Tidewater Summer League and in the Northwoods League; he earned the 2020 Northwoods League Announcer of the Year award with the Rockford Rivets and helped the Duluth Huskies earn the Broadcasting Team of the Year award in 2021.

He also wrote baseball articles and hosted podcasts at Backsportspage.com. This company allowed him to represent the organization as a press reporter at Yankee Stadium, and interview former Yankee Darryl Jones, Phillies beat writer Todd Zolecki, and Sports Talk Chicago host Jon Zaghloul on the Exit Velo podcast.

Adam received a Bachelor's degree in Communication after graduating from Allegheny College last December and his senior project was a documentary about four SeaWolves players. Besides baseball, he also broadcasted basketball, soccer, football, field hockey, and volleyball at Allegheny. Furthermore, he was the Sports Editor for Allegheny's student-run newspaper, The Campus. He also covered basketball, soccer, and golf for the local newspaper, The Meadville Tribune.





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FIRST-TIME ALL-STARS

Thomas Incaviglia, Culver, and Guduan Represent Tri-City at All-Star Game



INF Cito Culver and LHP Reymin Guduan were the two players who represented the Tri-City ValleyCats in this year's Frontier League All-Star Game on July 12 as the Windy City ThunderBolts hosted the midsummer classic at Ozinga Field in Crestwood, IL. Tri-City's Third Base and Bench Coach, Thomas Incaviglia, was named to the Frontier League East Division All-Star coaching staff.

Highlights of this event included Guduan tossing a scoreless frame, throwing no pitches under 98 miles per hour, and topping out at 100 on the radar gun. Meanwhile, Culver had a 2-for-3 effort with a hit from both sides of the plate, including a double. Incaviglia, who throws batting practice for Tri-City, was able to toss BP to Culver during the skills competition on July 11. Before the festivities began at Ozinga field, Guduan, Culver, and Incaviglia all went on a cruise in Chicago.

The trio were all nominated to their first All-star team with the ValleyCats. Culver, a former first-round draft pick by the New York Yankees in 2010, received his second All-Star selection in independent ball. He played nine years in the Minor Leagues (eight with the Yankees and one with the Miami Marlins), and reached as high as Triple-A, Guduan was an All-Star last year for the Leones del Yucatan of the Mexican League. The 14-year pro has friends he made during his four years in the Majors (three with the Houston Astros from 2017-2019, and one with the Oakland Athletics in 2021) come out to watch him play in Windy City. Incaviglia recieved his first All-Star nod during his professional coaching career. Culver and Guduan have aspirations to return to affiliated ball, while Incaviglia hopes to be a professional manager one day, just like his uncle and ValleyCats' skipper, Pete Incaviglia. With their All-Star selections, all three are one step closer to achieving their dreams. The trio have all been instrumental to the team's success this year as Tri-City eyes its first playoff berth in the Frontier League, and first as a franchise since 2018.



2023 SEASON PROMOTIONS & THEME NIGHTS



May 12: Opening Night

May 13: Los Puentes de Tri-City

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May 20: Denim Day 🚕

May 21: Sunday FunDay - 5 PM First Pitch Presented by Highmark Blue Shield of Northeastern New York

May 30: Mental Health Awareness Night Bark in the Park #1 Presented by aptihealth

May 31: Education Day - 10 AM First Pitch Presented by Transfinder & REGENERON

June 1: Basketball HOOPLA 🚕

June 2: Jurassic Ballpark Benefitting the National Multiple Sclerosis Society Upstate NY Chapter

June 3: Yellowstone Night

June 4: National Cheese Day - 5 PM First Pitch

June 13: Los Puentes De Tri-City 🐅

June 14: Education Day - 10 AM First Pitch Presented by Transfinder & REGENERON June 15: Thirsty Thursday

June 16: Wizard Night 🚜

June 17: Hockey Night

June 18: Father's Day - 5 PM First Pitch

June 23: Youth Baseball Night#2

June 24: Relish the Moment A

June 25: SouthPaw's Birthday Celebration - 5 PM First Pitch

June 27: Veteran and Military Appreciation Night

June 28: Capital Region Baseball Heritage Night First 1,000 fans will receive a Kumar Rocker bobblehead courtesy of Sunkist.

June 29: Pride Night 🚜

July 4: 4th of July Celebration 🚕

July 5: Hawaiian Night

July 6: I Love Upstate NY Night Presented by Capital OTB

July 14: ASL Night 🛷

July 15: Pirate Night

July 16: Soccer Night - 5 PM First Pitch

July 21: Golf Night

July 22: Star Wars Night 📣

July 23: Around the World in Nine Innings - 5 PM First Pitch Presented by Performance Foodservice

Scan the QR code to check out our 2023 ticket offerings!



July 25: Christmas in July July 26: Camp Day - 11 AM First Pitch

July 27: Community Heroes Night 🖡 Presented by American National Insurance Company

August 1: Irish Night August 2: Alter-Ego Night

August 3: The Office Night 📣

August 11: Italian Night 🚕

August 12: The One with the FRIENDS Theme

August 13: Rensselaer County Night - 5 PM First Pitch

August 18: Los Puentes de Tri-City 🐅

August 19: Arts in the Ballpark Night Benefitting Boys & Girls Clubs of the Capital Area

August 20: NFL Night - 5 PM First Pitch 🚜

August 22: SouthPaw's Bobblehead Bonanza! First 1,000 fans will receive a SouthPaw bobblehead courtesy of American National Insurance Company.

August 23: Bark in the Park #2

August 24: Aug-toberfest

August 29: Not-So-Scary Halloween

August 30: Where's Waldo Wednesday

August 31: Fans for Life Night 🚕

2023 Specialty Jerseys

Jurassic Ballpark - June 2 Pirate Night - July 15 Arts in the Ballpark Night - August 19

All promotions and theme nights subject to change Log on to tcvalleycats.com for the latest updates!



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27	Wayne	3B	/			

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In the example above, James hit a single and stole second base. Roberts hit a flyball out to center field, and was followed by Murphy, who hit a two-RBI home run, driving in James. Following the home run, Sanchez reached base on an error by the second baseman, and Simmons ended the inning by hitting into a double play to the shortstop, who threw to the second baseman, who then threw to first.

Scorekeeping Symbols

1-Pitcher 2-Catcher 3-First Baseman 4-Second Baseman 5-Third Baseman 6-Shortstop 7-Left Fielder 8-Center Fielder 9-Right Fielder 10/DH-Designation Hitter

1B-Single 2B-Double 3B-Triple HR-Home Run SB-Stolen Base CS-Caught Stealing DP-Double Play TP-Triple Play E-Error FC-Fielder's Choice F-Foul Out K-Strikeout Swinging ≯-Strikeout Looking BB-Walk (base on balls) HBP-Hit by Pitch WP-Wild Pitch PB-Passed Ball SAC-Sacrifice Fly SAC BU-Sacrifice Bunt I-Interference P-Pop Out L-Line Out U-Unassisted Putout



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Pete and Brooks

From Rival Managers to the Same Coaching Staff



Tri-City ValleyCats manager Pete Incaviglia and 'Cats' Pitching Coach Brooks Carey met seven years ago at a tryout, and began a neardecade long friendship. Carey was at the helm of the New Jersey Jackals from 2018-22, and Incaviglia has been skipper for Tri-City since 2021. Given their old school baseball mentalities, the two would try to one-up each other on the field. Carey reveled in acquiring a player before Incaviglia in the Frontier League. When the 'Cats swept the Jackals, and vice-versa, the two tipped their cap to each other as if to say "I beat you".

Despite these antics, it was an easy choice this past offseason for Incaviglia to ask Carey if he would join his pitching staff. Carey was the only person Incaviglia wanted on his team. If Carey declined the offer, Incaviglia would have likely been the manager/pitching coach for the ValleyCats. Incaviglia called Carey on Christmas Day, and offered him the position. Carey was looking at two different disclosed managerial positions, but after the conversation over the phone, it took him five minutes to make a decision, and he accepted Incaviglia's offer. Carey has since mentioned that his position with the VallevCats has been his favorite role during his storied managerial/coaching career.



Incavialia's and Carev's respect for each other has grown since being part of the same staff. Incaviglia would never hire someone who only agreed with his decisions, which is why he values Carey's input. Both Incaviglia and Carey are thick-skinned, and have no gualms about speaking their minds. They have often argued, and debated about roster transactions, and in-game decisions. Yet, after a few weeks into the season, the duo have almost always on the same page about pitching changes. Carey does not ask Incaviglia about when to talk to one of his pitchers, and can take a mound visit whenever he pleases. Incaviglia will also go out, and take mound visits without having the intention of removing a pitcher from the game. In these scenarios, a younger pitching coach might think that he is being shown up on the field, but for Carey he understands that Incavialia is doing what is best for the team, and whatever he can to win each aame.

As Incaviglia and Carey have gotten to know each other better, there have been some pleasant surprises along the way. Although Carey was a professional pitcher, and Incaviglia was a professional hitter, Carey is impressed by Incaviglia's intuition regarding his pitching staff whether that is keeping a pitcher on or off the roster, or if a pitcher is locked in during a game. As for Incaviglia, he sees how much Carey fights for and cares about his players. Incaviglia also learned that him and Carey share the same drive to do what is necessary to win. Incaviglia and Carey, like most members of a independent baseball coaching staff, are paid to win games, and help bring their players to the next level. However, they do not hang onto losses long. When the pair come back to their apartment after a game, they discuss what happened for a few minutes. and then look forward to the next day. This mentality is crucial for them in a 96-game regular season where most times the team plays six games a week, filled with long days at the ballpark and long nights on the bus. Overall, this shared philosophy from Incaviglia and Carey has helped the ValleyCats into the thick of a highly contested playoff race in the Frontier League East Division

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MICHAEL DELLAVALLE

MICHAEL IS A HONORABLY DISCHARGED NAVY CORPSMAN AND RETIRED WITH 26 YEARS OF Service at verizon (1987-2013). He has been a member of the shaker road loudonville fire department since 2009 and was firefighter of the year in 2014. He is adjutant of dav (disabled American Vets) chapter 38, he belongs to marine corps league detachment 241, he is a major consultant to the capital district womens veterans program's christopher House Located in Troy, Ny.



FRANK FIATO SR.

FRANK IS A VOLUNTEER FIREMAN WITH THE W.F. BRUEN HOSE FIRE DEPARTMENT IN CLINTON HEIGHTS (EAST GREENBUSH) N.Y. HE HAS SERVED THE COMMUNITY FOR 65 YEARS IN ALL CAPACITIES OF THE FIRE DEPARTMENT, AND IS STILL CURRENTLY AN ACTIVE FIREMAN AND MEMBER OF THE HOUSE. FRANK TAKES GREAT PRIDE IN KEEPING HIS COMMUNITY SAFE THROUGH HIS EFFORTS AS A VOLUNTEER FIREMAN.



STEVEN FIGUEROA

STEVEN HAS BEEN A COMMITTED VOLUNTEER TO SUPPORT KIDS IN TROY THROUGH THE BOYS & GIRLS CLUB. HE'S Been involved as a coach, supporting their basketball program and is always willing to help volung Kids in the community. His kindness and dedication to his community is a great reason why steven Deserves to be part of the starting nine.



KATIE FLANIGAN

KATIE FLANIGAN GREW UP IN WYNANTSKILL AND GRADUATED FROM HVCC. SHE EARNED A BS FROM SUNY DSWEGO AND AN MSW FROM ALBANY. She has worked since 2000 with the Abany country department op mental health. As clinical director of emergency/crisis service and training, she has provided mental health training to over soo law enforcement and ems first responders. She also oversees the mobile crisis team in partnership with Albany country shealff so department wes division insuring better ductomes for those in mental health crisis situations. Her efforts have helped bring mental health, ems and law enforcement workers together to better prepare for challenging situations. Kate's work qualifies for a position on the 2023 home run community herdes stating.

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VICTORIA HAMILTON

VICTORIA HAMILTON IS AN EMT FOR MOHAWK AMBULANCE AND A MEDICAL ASSISTANT FOR LATHAM MEDICAL GROUP. IN 2023, VICTORIA GRADUATED FROM MARIST CULLEGE WITH HONDRS, WITH A BACHELOR'S DEGREE IN PSYTHOLOGY. VICTORIA WAS AN KOA A KAA AFABEMI A LI-MERICAN ATHLETE IN WOMEN'S ROWING. AS A ROWER FOR MARIST SHE COMPETED IN THE MAAC CHAMPIONSHIPS IN 2019, 2020, AND 2021 AND COMPETED AT THE NCAA NATIONAL WOMEN'S ROWING (HAMPIONSHIPS IN 2021, SHUG CRADULTING IN 2023, VICTORIA HAS WORKED IN 00 JOBS IN THE HEDICAL FIELD WHERE SHE SERVES THE COMMUNITY WITH COMPASSIONATE PROFESSIONALISM WHILE WORKING IN NORMAL AND URGENT AND LIFE-THERETING STUDIES THE COMMUNITY WITH COMPASSIONATE PROFESSIONALISM WHEN WAS HAVEN AND URGENT AND LIFE-THERETING STUDIES. IN 2018 VICE A YEAR SHE AS HAD TO THEAT AND STADILIZE MONIPULALS WICH NORMAL AND URGENT THREATENING GUR TRAUMATIC INJURIES OR EVENTS. DRUG OVERDORSES AND OTHER SERVICE COMMITIONS AND EVEN HAS DELIVERED TWO BABIES INTO THE WORLD. THANK YOU, VICTORIA, FOR YOUR SKILLFUL AND KNOWLEDGEABLE CARE, AND THANK YOU FOR ALL YOU DO FOR OUR COMMUNITY. YOU ARE A COMMUNITY. WORKET REDI

ALEXANDER KOVAROVIC

ALEX STARTED THE ONE LIFE PROJECT BACK IN 2018 BECAUSE HE WANTED TO HELP YOUNG PEDPLE WITH MENTAL HEALTH AND HOW TO DEAL WITH Suicidal Thoughts. He started the komprofit Right Arter High School, and he draws from his own experiences to help assist others with these challenges. The humprofit has taken of pulicity. With a large toy cluster network and several opticas cardos the united states. Alex has a substantial following on social media that he uses to post inspiring and motivational content. He has also written wo books amed at helping ters. Alex is an aspiring and positive presence that creates an inclusive environment for young adults. The amount of energy and work he has polling to social media to help people is amazing.



SADIE PULVER

SADIE IS JUST 5 YEARS OLD. SHE PARTICIPATED IN A COMMUNITY SERVICE PAGEANT WHERE SHE WON MINI MISS MILITARY STAR NEW YORK. SADIE IS INVOLVED WITH TONS OF COMMUNITY SERVICE, VOLUNTEER WORK, AND FUNDRAISING IN THE AREA. HER FAVORITE THINGS TO DO INCLUDE VOLUNTEERING TO HELP OUR HOMELESS COMMUNITY THROUGH STREET SOLDERS, DOING FUNDRAISERS AND EVENTS WITH THE AMERICAN CANCER SOLCIETY. AND SHE HAS ALSO PARTICIPATED IN THE WALK FOR WISHES FOR MAKE-A-WISH THE LAST 2 YEARS, SADIE ALSO WON THE DONATION OUEEN AWARD AT THE NEW YORK STATE PAGEANT FOR COLLECTING OVER 1, 100 ITEMS TO SEND OVERSEAS TO OUR MILITARY TROOPS IN CARE PACKAGES. SHE DID THIS BY TEAMING UP WITH COLONIE POLICE AND CREATING A MILITARY SUPPLY ORIVE. SADIE IS OUR YOUNGEST COMMUNITY HERO THIS YEAR AND CONGRATULATIONS FOR MAKING SUCH A POSITIVE IMPACT AT A YOUNG AGE.

MATTHEW SHEARER

MATTHEW SHEARER SERVED IN THE US ARMY NATIONAL GUARD FOR 18 YEARS. HE HAS BEEN ON 2 DEPLOYMENTS OVERSEAS, THIS INCLUDED A TOUR IN BAHRAIN, AND ANOTHER IN KUWAIT. SHEARER WAS RECOGNIZED EARLIER THIS YEAR AS THE MACFAWN VETERAN OF THE GAME. HIS WIFE AND SON PROUDLY STAND BY HIM, AND HONOR HIM FOR HIS SERVICE.



RACHEL SHERIDAN

AFTER GRADUATING WITH DEGREES IN CLASSICAL STUDIES AND ENGLISH LITERATURE, RACHEL Spent over a decade as an foucator, teaching latin to high school students. Looking for a change and intrigued by the loba of coding, rachel school students and Joined Albany vandode in the spring of 2019 in the code of departons support Specialist. Rachel was quickly promoted to the role of deputy director. Although she is not in the classroom anymore, rachel enjoys being able to engage with students, educators, employees, and community partners while sharing her belief that anyone can succeed with the Right tools and support. In her role with cancode communities she aims to provide those tools for future deverations.





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'Cats Closeup: Ian Walters





ValleyCats Infielder, Ian Walters Age: 25 Years Old DOB: October 29, 1997 Hometown: Paducah, KY School: Southern Illinois University

Favorite Baseball Memory: Defeating USC in the Tony Gwynn Classic

Favorite Food: Chicken Alfredo
Favorite Animal: Husky
Favorite School Subject: History
Favorite Sports Team: St. Louis Cardinals
Dream Vacation: Hawaii
Hidden Talent: Making cricket sounds
Advice to Young Ballplayers: Learn to love all the little



things baseball has to offer. Work hard and enjoy the process of getting better everyday.

Cherish all the relationships and friendships you make along the way.

Did you know?

Ian Walters was acquired by the ValleyCats in a trade with the Washington Wild Things on June 15, 2023 in exchange for a Player to Be Named Later. He was a 2022 All-Star for the Wild Things. Walters became the sixth ValleyCat this season to have a fourhit day. Before playing with Tri-City and Washington this year, Walters won the 2022-23 Australian Baseball League baseball championship with the Adelaide Giants.



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