

Joel Perez is a Co-Founder of Gurney & Perez Advisory (GPA), a program designed to advise, guide, and support high school baseball players and their families through the college recruiting process. Joel also is a PE teacher and Athletics Coordinator at The Gateway School in NYC since 1999. In addition, he is a member of the NY Gotham's baseball coaching staff since the fall of 2017, and has more than twenty seven years of baseball coaching experience.

In 2019, Joel became the NY Gotham's Director of College Placement assisting high school players in the program aspiring to play college baseball, and their parents, through the college search and recruiting process. Since then, he has worked with over 140 players that have gone on to play college baseball at NCAA Division I, II, & III schools, as well as NAIA schools and JUCO schools.

#### Playing Days:

A graduate of CHSAA perennial baseball power St. Raymond High School for Boys in The Bronx, Joel was a member of the 1989 Ravens CHSAA City Championship team that defeated Msgr. Farrell 2-1 in Yankee Stadium under legendary coach Ronald Patnosh. In 1991, as a senior, he was an All CHSAA Division I selection.

Joel played his college baseball at Division II powerhouse Concordia College in Bronxville, NY. He played for the Clippers from 1991-1995. In 1992 the Clippers were ranked #3 in the country among NCAA Division II schools with a .372 team batting average. As a freshmen, Joel was ranked #41 in the nation in batting with a .407 BA and was named to the NYCAC All Freshmen team. As a junior in 1994, Joel was named to the NYCAC All Conference team. During his 4 years at Concordia College, Joel was a .330 career hitter.

From 1992 to 2007, Joel played in various baseball leagues with the New York Monarchs (1995-2007), New York Orientales (1995-1997), Pleasantville Red Sox (1998-2000), and the New York City Absolute Power (1999). His teams won 4 league championships and he was selected to 14 league All Star games before retiring at age 34. In 2023, Joel was elected to the WRWBL Hall of Fame, where he played for ten years, from 1998-2007.

#### Coaching Experience:

Perez has coached with the Gotham's since 2017. Before the Gotham's, Joel coached and also served as the Director of Travel Baseball for the Greenwich Thunder Travel Program in Greenwich, CT (9u-12u) from 2012-2017. Over that six year period, his teams posted a 181-75 (.707) record, including successful trips to national tournaments at Cooperstown Baseball World (2014), Cooperstown Dreams Park (2015 & 2017), and Cooperstown All Star Village

(2016). Perez coached youth baseball for Uptown Athletic Club in NYC from 2003-2008, as well as for Children's Athletic Club of New York from 1996-2003, while also serving as Program Manager.

Joel currently resides in Greenwich, CT with his wife and four children. All four of his kids have gone on to compete at Division I schools. His daughter graduated from Fordham University, Rose Hill and competed on the dance team in the Atlantic 10 Conference. His oldest son was a catcher at Saint Peter's University in Jersey City, NJ. His middle son is currently a redshirt sophomore at Manhattan College in Riverdale, NY. He is one of the Jaspers' Captains and plays middle infield. Both Saint Peter's University & Manhattan College play in the Metro Atlantic Athletic Conference (MAAC). His youngest son is currently a freshman outfielder at Longwood University in Farmville, VA, which competes in The Big South Conference.

Education:

BSW., Concordia College, Bronxville, NY (1995)

M.S.Ed., University of Saint Joseph, West Hartford, CT (2016)