



Major League Baseball World Series Champion highlights CJCSL Coaching Staffs

The Charles Johnson Collegiate Summer League (CJCSL), set to kick off its inaugural season this summer in Florida's Treasure Coast, will feature six teams from the state's tri-counties. Each franchise is hiring its front office and signing student-athletes to participate. The CJCSL is an affiliate of the Caribbean Baseball Organization (CBO).



The **South Florida Beach Bums** has hired its coaching staff from Florida Memorial University of the NAIA's Sun Conference. The staff is highlighted by former Major League Baseball pitcher Antonio Alfonseca and FMU Head Coach Tino Burgos. Alfonseca pitched for the Florida Marlins (1997–2001, 2005), the Chicago Cubs (2002–2003), the Atlanta Braves (2004), the Texas Rangers (2006), and the Philadelphia Phillies (2007). Coach Alfonseca currently leads the pitcher training and development program FMU. Coach Burgos is a native of South Florida and played baseball on the collegiate level at Miami-Dade College and Florida International University before signing with the Kalamazoo Kings. He also participated in the Miami Marlin's RBI (Reviving Baseball in Inner Cities) program. He is in his third season at Florida Memorial. The General Manager is Charles Sano. **Players to Watch:** Rob Puccio, P (Queens College, NY), Robert Affenita II, OF (Adelphi University, NY) and Joe Pasqua, INF (Adelphi University, NY)



The **Stuart Gators** will be run by Charlie Ramirez of CRFA International Academy of Orlando. This team will feature international players from the Dominican Republic, Venezuela, and Brazil. The Gators have brought on Miltilio Feliz who worked for Major League Baseball in the Dominican Republic. **Player to Watch:** Kenneth Eccleston.



The **Jensen Beach Tide** has brought on **Romy Jimenez** to be the General Manager. Jimenez is the first female GM in the CJCSL. The Tide have also hired Austin Slivinski to be the manager of the team. **Player to Watch:** Jose Luis Gutierrez Albarron, Mexico.



General Manager Derek Muller of the **Sebastien Makos** has announced that former New York Mets minor league coach Robert Castillo will be a part of this summer's coaching staff. **Player to watch:** Peter Holden, P, Baton Rouge, LA



The **Vero Beach Dirt Dogs**, led by General Manager Kyle Flanagan, are still in negotiations with its coaching staff. **Players to Watch:** Cameron Meadows, P/SS, Bahamas & Cameron Peterson, South Carolina.



General Manager Javier Martinez of the **Fort Pierce Cobras** is also in negotiations with its coaching staff.
Player to Watch: George Christison, California.

The main home of the CJSCL will be at the Lawnwood Sports Complex in Ft. Pierce, Florida. The league will feature a 30-game season that begins June 25 and runs till August 7. Student-athletes will also have access to an indoor facility, local gym membership and weekly training sessions.

“This is my 25th year of involvement in college baseball,” comments CBO’s CEO Mario Signorello. “I am excited how this is coming together. The vast of knowledge of baseball in each dugout coupled with the involvement of the former MLB players will make a huge impact for our student-athletes. Charles Johnson, a World Series Champion, is very involved and has commitment from many of his former MLB teammates. This is ideal for developing student-athletes.”

The league is filling up quickly. There are only 47 roster spots left. Interested student-athletes should contact Ben Terwilliger 607-483-0889 or Benjamin.terwilliger@mymail.barry.edu.