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RCBC Newsletter

2021 College Showcase Camp

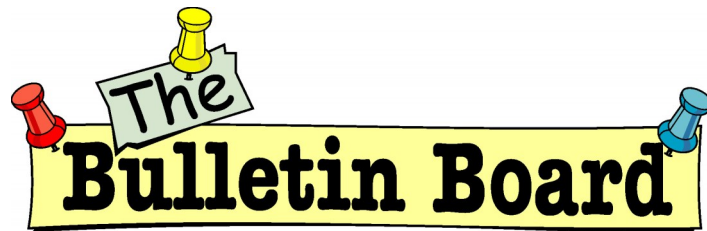


August 17-18, 2021

All RCBC high school players on teams
14U-15U-16U are automatically registered
at no additional cost.

25+ colleges expected to attend.



A graphic of a yellow bulletin board with a black border. The words "The Bulletin Board" are written on it in a bold, black, serif font. "The" is on a small white tag pinned to the top left with a yellow pushpin. "Bulletin Board" is on the main board, pinned to the top left with a red pushpin and to the top right with a blue pushpin.

The Bulletin Board

- Tournament fee schedules have been communicated to players on teams 12U-14U. Payment plan options have been set up in your LeagueApps account and you can easily schedule automatic credit card payments on the due dates. Payment can also be made by check made out to RCBC, Venmo to Nicholas-DEFENDIS or cash.
- Please ensure that you are signed up to receive text message alerts from RCBC. You can do in two easy steps. Go to your LeagueApps account and enter your mobile number, then verify it to “Opt-In.” We can’t reach you with important announcements or information unless you sign on.
- Reminder for 15U-16U players to keep your SportsRecruits profile updated and tag favorite schools via the college search feature. Videos are critical so upload from any of your indoor workouts.
- Our younger teams start tournament and league play next month. Let’s wish them the best of luck in their pursuit of more RCBC championships.
- Happy Birthday wishes to Coach George Quinn. Hope it’s a great one!
- Congratulations to our partners at Perfect Game Coleen and Bob Barth on the birth of their daughter Morgan’s baby girl. Welcome Harper Rae!

An Important Message From Coach DeFendis

“What It Means To Be Part Of RCBC”

To RCBC Members: Before the season starts, I want to reiterate what it means to be part of the Richmond County Baseball Club.

As a member of RCBC, players, coaches and parents are expected to represent the organization in a professional manner at all times. This includes player-to-player, player-to-coach and parent-to-coach interactions as well as interactions with umpires, league/tournament officials and opposing teams.

We also expect you to look professional at all times. Wear your new Marucci RCBC uniforms proudly. A reminder that members cannot design, buy or sell any RCBC-logo apparel independent of our Marucci Locker Room store. For teams needing a third jersey, the alternate white jersey on the Marucci Locker Room is a terrific (and the only) option. Remember too that we have a royal blue batting helmet standard, and each helmet should feature our RC logo. Coaches, I'm counting on you to enforce this.

When it comes to baseball equipment, we strongly encourage you when purchasing items to consider Marucci first via our Locker Room online store, where RCBC members always get a discount.

An Important Message From Coach DeFendis (cont'd)

Communication within the organization is important so please be sure to check your email regularly for updates and announcements. Also, make sure you “opt-in” for text messages via your LeagueApps account. And follow our Facebook page (rcbaseball) and Instagram account (rcbc_theclub_).

We also want to make sure everyone is aware of the time and effort we put into keeping the Richmond County Youth Complex a tremendous place to practice and play. Please clean up your space after watching your son’s games and follow the complex’s rules regarding gate fees, smoking, pets and outside food.

Finally, it take a significant investment to run a program like ours so please pay your dues and travel expenses on time. We don’t like to hassle you for payments, but we cannot tie up the funds needed to maintain the program and complex because we are financing your expenses. For your convenience, LeagueApps offers credit card payment plan options for your tournament fees.

Coach Quinn and I want to thank you again for being a part of our great organization and we wish you all the best of luck this year.

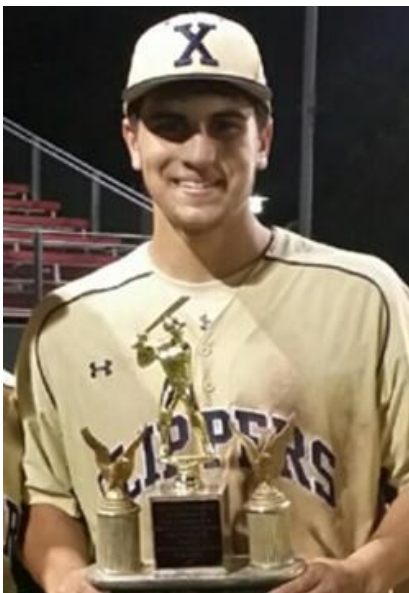
Meet Anthony Scotti (13U Americans Coach)

RCBC proudly announces the return of our alumni to the coaching ranks as Anthony Scotti Jr. takes the helm of the 13U Americans.

Anthony's baseball career is a storied one, having played on the 2009 South Shore Little League team that won the Mid Atlantic Regional and made it to the Little League World Series.



Anthony went on to star at Xaverian High School and subsequently made his mark at the collegiate level at Seton Hall University and then Queens College.



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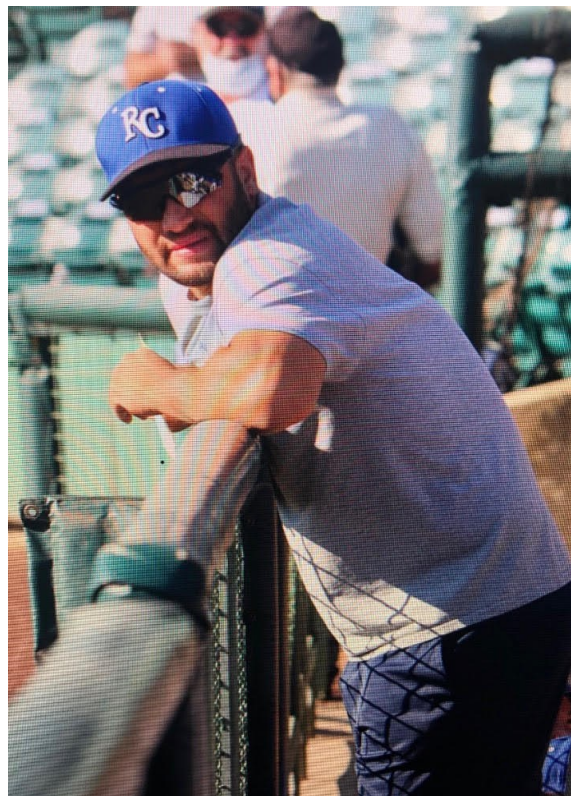
A slick fielding SS/3rd baseman with a powerful bat, Anthony played at RCBC from 2011 through 2015 before heading off to college. Now 23, Anthony returns to RCBC to coach our 13U Americans team and help the boys transition to the larger playing field.

“My experience playing for Richmond County was one that I will always be grateful for.” said Scotti. “Whether it was playing at Diamond Nation or at Vanderbilt down in Tennessee, my teammates and I always enjoyed playing the game. I think Coach Nick as our coach made the game more enjoyable because he was always competitive every single day, whether it was a game or practice and that grew on me as a player. Coach Nick and I always were on the same page on and off the field. He played a major role in my college recruitment process and was there every step of the way with me, which is a major reason why I wanted to come back and coach here. I know what Coach Nick is all about and I wanted to be a part of getting players into the college of their choice, but also enjoying playing the game of baseball every single day.”



Meet Anthony Scotti (cont'd)

“We are thrilled to have Anthony back in the program” said Coach DeFendis. “The boys will really look up to him and they will gain a lot from his coaching ability and experience as an elite player.”



In addition to Anthony, we also welcome back RCBC alumni Joe Santigate (St. Joseph By The Sea, Wheaton College) and Tom Medina (Monsignor Farrell, Queens College) as assistant coaches. Joe will be working with Anthony's 13U team while Tom will be assisting Chris Renna and Cheech Amaya with the 11U Americans.

“It's gratifying to see our alumni come back to the program to help develop our younger players” said Coach Quinn. “Not only were they all outstanding athletes, but they displayed a passion and enthusiasm for the game that will carry over into their coaching and relationships with our current players.”

Celebrating Recent College Commits This Winter



Matt Polemeni
St. Thomas Aquinas



Christian Rice
Wofford College



Zach Clausen
Fairleigh Dickinson





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Coach Lope's Baseball Thoughts

In This Issue - Send That Recruiting Email!!!

Quote of the Month - The late Tommy Lasorda once said:

"A player only fails when he stops trying."

RCBC Director Nick DeFendis established a sort of partnership with SportsRecruits to add to the already potent success that our organization has in getting high school baseball players recruited to play college baseball. Having SportsRecruits gives our players a single location to take many of the recruiting steps in the process.

A major step, of course, is writing the email to the colleges of your choice. College coaches read a truckload of emails. So this means to use a term we had in broadcast journalism: "WRITE TIGHT." Be thorough, but succinct. Put the vital stuff that a college coach needs to know about you. Certainly we hope a well-written recruiting email will get you to a place you never were....the college of your choice!!!! Naturally, the email is just one step (though a key one) towards assisting your in reaching your goal. Good talent certainly helps. LOL. Fine coaching never hurts. Academics for baseball money is vital. And....if you play at RCBC, you know our fabulous reputation for getting players to the next level. Pro, and especially college, is a Gold Standard.

To get started, go to the Messaging tool on the SportsRecruits platform and select the schools you want to write to. The coaches' contact info will



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automatically populate. The lead sentence can simply say "My name is _____ and I'm interested in your baseball program. Here is some information about myself."

Using Powerpoint format, in the opening paragraph, put your name, grade, date of birth, cell phone number, email address, home address, home phone number, your grade, school, summer organization, and whether you bat right or left, primary and secondary positions, grade point average (GPA), and then SAT-ACT scores (or PSAT if you haven't take the SAT yet), and finally phone number of your high school and RCBC coaches.

In the 2nd paragraph, do some "brown nosing." LOL. Say that you heard nice things about the college you are writing to...the fine academics, the excellent baseball program and the outstanding coaching. Say it's a place you really want to be at. Mention the beautiful campus if it applies. The paragraph should end by saying "I feel I would be an asset to your college and especially your baseball program."

Next, mention if you're eligible for academic and/or financial aid or outside grants. Highlight what your baseball strong points are (speed, velocity, power, gold glove). If you got fine ratings at a Showcase, mention that.



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Say if you're a captain in high school....class president....MVP, especially on a ranked or championship high school. Do not mention Little League awards, please.

Finally, say you hope to hear from a coach or recruiter and would love to visit the college. You can ask if the college is having a baseball camp, especially if it is high on your list.

Send the email to both the head coach and the recruiter. Remember that SportsRecruits has all the contacts and their titles in their database. Follow up the email with a phone call if you don't get a quick response. Start writing by your sophomore year.

VIDEO-VIDEO-VIDEO - Coaches want video of you. BUT NOT LITTLE LEAGUE VIDEO!!!! Make sure your video is **CURRENT - 4 minutes max!** **SHOW A VARIETY OF YOUR STRONGEST SKILLS.**

Remember too that any emails sent via the SportsRecruits platform will automatically include a link to your Player Profile, so make sure its current and complete.

Good luck.

Marucci Featured Item

ALL STAR Catcher's Equipment

RCBC, in collaboration with Marucci Sports, is pleased to announce that ALL STAR catcher's equipment is now available to RCBC members via our Marucci Locker Room online store at exclusive RCBC member discount prices.

ALL STAR is known for their high quality catcher's equipment. Their catcher's kits are designed based upon the player's age to provide the optimal fit and maximum protection for each player.

They are available in a number of styles and colors (including royal blue of course). Check them out on the Marucci Locker Room, under the Protective Gear section.

The logo for ALL-STAR, featuring the word "ALL-STAR" in a bold, black, sans-serif font. A white star is positioned to the left of the word "ALL".

For all your equipment needs, visit our Marucci Locker Room online store where RCBC members always get a discount.

