

MENTOR STORY

BASEBALL

Pair Clicks Over Baseball, and Life



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"I enjoy this program. It allows me to be connected with a current student and get a better sense of their experience."

Craig Carnaroli (W'85), Exec VP Penn



"I can't say enough about the mentors who guide our athletes to success after college."

John Yurkow, Head Baseball Coach



Athlete Mentor Program
Helping our athletes succeed in life



Craig Carnaroli (W'85, left and in Phillies garb above) has collaborated with Jake Sadowitz (W'20, right and in Mets garb above) about jobs, life, and Penn baseball.

For the most part, successful baseball pitchers are cool customers. But the pressures of D1 athletics combined with Ivy League academics and the need to plan for life after college, can be challenging. Luckily, Penn athletes have help - alumni from their sport who have been through it before.

Jake Sadowitz (W'20) was paired with Craig Carnaroli (W'85), Executive Vice President for the University. "At first, I was not sure who Craig was other than the fact that every now and then I saw an email from him with regards to things at Penn," relates Jake. "But after our first meeting, I knew he would be there for me and help push me to be the best possible person I could be, both on and off the field."

The pair talk frequently and catch up after every game the baseball team plays.

For his part, Carnaroli enjoys the relationship. "Jake totally "wowed" me. He is a mature, easy going young man with big ambitions supported by a keen intellect."

It also helps the Executive VP better

understand the experience of today's Penn student-athletes. "It has, after all, been 33 years (ouch!) since I sat in a Penn classroom," confides Carnaroli.

And it works for Sadowitz as well. "Craig is more like a friend who cares about my future. And he has been through it before, allowing him to point me in the right direction." The results show. "My grades have increased and Craig has motivated me to explore new areas," shares the pitcher.

The relationship has also helped produce a summer internship at PNC Financial Services for the Finance major. Longer term, the pair have discussed graduate school options.

"Craig has gone out of his way to make sure that I maximize my experiences and opportunities at Penn. I can't thank him enough," says Sadowitz.

Despite the success for mentor and mentee, there are limits to the relationship. "Jake likes the Mets and I like the Phillies. May the better team win."

To become a mentor or advisor for Penn Baseball contact [Coach Yurkow](#).