

*“Service to others is the rent you pay for your room here on earth”*

Muhammad Ali

In our mission statement it says that “our instructors will teach the passion, respect and life lessons involved in the sport”. My hope is that in the process of instructing baseball lessons, we are also preparing our athletes for what lies ahead when the game is over. Less than a half percent of high school athletes play professional baseball so, like many of our staff, our job doesn’t just include teaching fundamentals but also creating respectful adolescents who will eventually be productive members of society. I feel nothing but pride when our mission statement becomes a reality and see our older athletes come back and teach the game and our philosophy to our younger players. Our January Athlete of the Month, Cal Berman, did just that and more during his Christmas Break.

After a Braintree Wamps Career that included being a 2-sport captain, a Bay State All-Star and a pivotal member of the 2015 Super 8 Baseball Champion team, Cal furthered his baseball career and education at Marymount University in Virginia. As he enters his sophomore year Cal put forth an immense amount of work at the club during December-January. He was focused on achieving goals he had set for the spring season. If you stopped by the baseball club in the afternoon you saw Cal hitting or working out every day. On top of that, just as notable, you saw Cal working with our young athletes during the Christmas Vacation Clinic and also in our Little League Clinic. Cal brought valuable experience with him, new drills and techniques that our instructors now use on a daily basis. Cal is also an inspiration to our players who know his contribution to Braintree Baseball, his high school career as well and his influence at the club. His presence is visible proof of what you can accomplish with hard work. We hope that in the future our younger players give back to the community now that Cal has paved the way.

Thanks Cal for all you do for the Braintree Baseball Club and good luck this spring,

James Joyce