

December 20, 2021

To Collegiate Baseball Recruitment Staff,

I do not normally enjoy or agree to writing recommendations, but I was honored to be asked by Jake Williams to write one on his behalf. I have been an in-house and travel baseball coach for the past 13 years. I have had the unfortunate opportunity to coach against Jake during several in-house seasons and the pleasure of coaching Jake in several seasons of travel baseball. Based on my experience coaching and getting to know Jake through the years, I believe he would be an excellent addition to a university and its baseball program.

As a baseball player, Jake has the talent to succeed at any level. He is a powerful hitter, but also has the ability to adapt his swing depending on the situation. Jake is extremely versatile in the field, having the ability to play multiple positions, including pitcher and catcher. In the travel seasons I coached Jake, he was an invaluable member of the team that could be counted on to do whatever is best for the team. Even more impressive is he was recruited to play on our travel team a full age level above his playing age. That is not an easy thing to do, especially the older you get, but it was something that Jake was willing to do and jumped at the challenge.

As a person, Jake is a kind-hearted, good nature young man. He is respectful and kind to anyone he comes in contact with, including coaches, players, and umpires. He gets along with all of his teammates and instinctively knows what is best for the team. It might mean keeping the team on track and focused during practices and games to even telling a joke to help loosen a tight team up during an intense game or inning.

I have coached hundreds of kids and teenagers throughout the years and I would not hesitate to say that Jake Williams is absolutely one of the best baseball players and young men I have had the privilege to coach.

If you have any questions, my phone number is (630) 697-4364.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Bob Bacarella". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Bob Bacarella