

# Warrior Testimonials

Sept. 7, 2021

To Whom It May Concern:

This summer my son Van Gupton Jr. had the opportunity to be coached by Coach Fulton. He had ton of positive words to say about Coach Fulton as a leader and a mentor for the young men that were around him. My family had a chance to meet Mr. Fulton as well and they were impressed by his sense of humor and his knowledge of the game. Mr. Fulton is a very well like and talented coach. He has the ability to connect with people from all ethnics and backgrounds. Mr. Fulton is truly a people person.

Van Gupton Sr.



I love competing and getting the best out of myself and others as much as possible. You gave me that opportunity, so I thank you.

Jesus Garcia,

University of Maine, PI

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This past summer my son Nicholas "Nico" Sosa was provided the unique opportunity to be come a Warrior and to play baseball under the tutelage of Coach Frank Fulton.

What an experience? Nico had other opportunities and as fate would have it, he ended up on this path and I can truly say it was a rewarding experience both on and off the field for him. He was provided positive, direct and engaging coaching and mentorship. Coach Fulton provided Nico and his teammates the taste of the MLB life as well as teaching them what hard work, dedication and devotion to success takes. To watch the faces of the young kids at each of the stadiums as they ran up to the dugout areas to get autographs from these young men, warriors, was so amazing.



To see the stadiums packed for "exhibition" games and to know that he was working behind the scenes to provide each of these young warriors the chance to go to the next level was nothing short of extraordinary. To know that these young men were out there representing their schools, cities, states, tribes and countries and doing it with the utmost respect was a positive reflection of the warriors he assembled and the head coach and staff leading them. There are coaches and there are leader/mentor/coaches and Coach Fulton is one of them. As their few weeks together came to end, they were a family both on and off the field. Lasting friendships across the US and globe for that matter. As they all drove to their next destination to finish the summer playing ball for other collegiate teams or in Nico's case the Appalachian League, they knew they were not alone. When times get rough, they pick up the phone and Coach Fulton is there to talk them through their trials and encourage them to keep on fighting the good fight. He never stops pushing them, showing up at their respective college practices, dropping them notes, reminding them they are Warriors and what it means to be one. Nico has had several coaches over the years and a couple will always stand out, Coach Fulton is on the top of that list. We met Coach Fulton, ironically at the Kingsport TN Axemen stadium, where Nico would finish his summer of amazingness, and he took the time to talk to us and he thanked us for letting Nico play for him. He told us great things about Nico both as a player, teammate and young man, but he also told us there was room to grow to get him to the next level. He said he was a true prospect and warrior, but he didn't sugar coat the areas that needed work. But in true Coach Fulton fashion, he told us he would work with him and build up those areas. As a parent I was reassured that he was in safe hands this summer and was growing not only on the field but off. I know Coach Fulton has touched many lives in his years and I am thankful he has touched Nico's.

V/R,

Noelle M. Sosa

“This program has done so much for me. I worked with Frank back in 2018. I loved the different drills he had for me as a pitcher. And not just pitching, he really knows baseball and has a high respect for the game.

He gave me the chance to play ball overseas in Germany for the Elmshorn Alligators, and it was the best decision of my life! I loved it so much that I’m still playing for them today! On top of that, I happened to meet the girl of my dreams and we are happily married now. Without Frank, this would have never happened.

I can’t thank him enough for what he has done for me. He has such a love for the game and is dedicated to make any ball player strive and succeed to their highest rate!”

Robbie Ingram, Elmshorn, Germany





“We met Coach Frank Fulton in summer 2013 in a baseball camp in Schwerin/Germany. Right from the start you could tell Frank’s passion and commitment to the sport of baseball.

He inspires and motivates everyone with his open mind, regardless of whether he already plays baseball or is a beginner. Over the years he has become a friend of our family.

Our son was allowed to take part in Frank’s baseball tour in Virginia in 2019. He was so welcomed by the team and the tour was perfectly organized by Frank. Our son was proud to be part of the Va Marlins. THANK YOU, Frank, take care and keep it up!”

Conny

Rostock, Germany





"I am proud to be an alum of the Virginia Marlins. For me being a Virginia Marlin was the start of my baseball career. If it wasn't for the opportunities and the lessons I learned as a Marlin I would not have had the honor of being the only American woman to play professionally in Japan or the opportunity to have been the first woman to play in the Pacific Association of Professional Baseball when I pitched for the San Rafael Pacifics.

The Marlins and Coach Fulton teach and implement being a life warrior into every aspect of life as a Marlin-both on and off the field.

Being a Marlin isn't just about an opportunity that changes your career nor is it about wearing a uniform and calling someplace home. Being a Virginia Marlin is a privilege I will never forget and is badge I wear proudly because it forever changed my life."

Oz Sailors  
Head Baseball Coach, Urban High School  
Co-Owner, Director of Baseball Development/Head Coach, Starting Nine Baseball Academy

**"The VA Marlins is very dear to me because it opened doors not just for my baseball career but in my life as well. Coach Frank Fulton has done a great job with this organization and has helped many others just like me. I'm very grateful to not just play for the Marlins but I have them for Life!"**

**Dakota McFadden  
09/17/2021**

