



MLB All-Star Tony Womack To Keynote Vype High School Sports Conference & Expo



Wake Forest, N.C., May 10, 2010 - VYPE High School Sports Conference and Expo, today announced that former Major League Baseball 2nd baseman and shortstop Tony Womack will provide the afternoon keynote address at 2:30 pm at the August 21, 2010 event. During Womack's 13 years in the majors, he was recognized for his speed and base-stealing prowess as well as his game-tying hit in the bottom of the ninth inning of Game 7 in the 2001 World Series. Womack is also a three-time Lou Brock Award winner (1997, 1998, 1999) for leading the National League in steals.

Womack made his major league debut on September 10, 1993 for the Pittsburgh Pirates. In 1999, Womack moved to the Arizona Diamondbacks (1999-2003) where he was a key part of the teams 2001 World Championship season. Womack also played for the Colorado Rockies (2003), Chicago Cubs (2003, 2006), St. Louis Cardinals (2004), New York Yankees (2005) and Cincinnati Reds (2006).

"High school athletes face some of the toughest challenges and decisions as they train and prepare to compete at the next level, all with balancing the need to stay strong academically and be an active part of the community," said Womack. "I look forward to sharing my story with the players, their families and coaches and reminding them that getting their education has to be their top priority."

Womack has also had a strong impact off the field and was honored with The Roberto Clemente Award for his work within the community while with the Pittsburgh Pirates. During his career, Womack's passion for education and reading led to the formation of "Tony Womack's Cover-to-Cover Reading Competition." The children's literacy campaign encouraged grade school children to read, rewarding them with tickets to games. In 2009, Tony and his wife Janet established Stealing Hearts to allow them to provide outreach to worthy causes around the community. Through Stealing Hearts, Tony and Janet hope to continue to assist children with their reading programs as well as establish possible scholarship programs in the Charlotte area.

For more information about the VYPE High School Sports Conference & Expo, please visit www.connect2comm.com/vypeconference. For more information about Tony Womack please visit www.90feet.com.