



## Barry Lyons to Lead the Cotton States Baseball Coastal Division

The COTTON STATES BASEBALL LEAGUE COASTAL DIVISION is proud to announce the addition of former Major League Baseball player and World Series Champion, Barry Lyons to the organization! Barry is joining the ownership of the Coastal Division and will serve as a spokesperson, ambassador and coach for the league. This is a major addition to the CSBL.

Barry Lyons is a Biloxi native who achieved his childhood dream of becoming a Major League Baseball Player. Barry is a 1978 graduate of Biloxi High School and a 1984 graduate of Delta State University with a Bachelor of Business Administration Degree.

Barry was drafted by the New York Mets in 1982 and enjoyed a fourteen-year professional baseball career as a catcher and first baseman. He was a member of the 1986 World Series Champion Mets and played seven seasons in Major League Baseball with the Mets, Dodgers, Angels, and White Sox.

After retiring in 1996, Barry was a Manager for three years in Minor League Baseball, two of which were with the Charleston Alley Cats, a Cincinnati Reds Class A affiliate in Charleston, WV. He later served as a television and radio broadcaster for three years with the Nashville Sounds, a Class AAA Minor League affiliate of the Pittsburgh Pirates in Nashville, TN.

In 2002, Barry chose to move back home to Biloxi, MS with the goal of leading the effort to bring Minor League Baseball to his beloved hometown of Biloxi and the Mississippi Gulf Coast.

Barry has organized, coached, and directed numerous Baseball instructional clinics, camps, teams and leagues as well as having taught individual private hitting and catching lessons since his playing career ended.

Barry's Faith in God, his love of his family and his hometown, and his passion for the great game of Baseball is undeniable. He played a key role and was very instrumental in bringing the Biloxi Shuckers, the Class AA Minor League affiliate of the Milwaukee Brewers MLB Organization, to the Coast. Barry serves as the Team Ambassador for the Biloxi Shuckers and represents the Organization in numerous capacities in the Community and at the Ballpark.

Barry will parlay his great success with baseball to make the Cotton States Baseball League Coastal Division a great asset for the Gulf Coast. To get more information please see the website and/ or call Barry Lyons at (228) 324-2527.