

Kyle Forbes named new baseball coach at Palm Beach State College

(Lake Worth, Fla. – June 20, 2011) Palm Beach State College has announced that Kyle Forbes is the new head baseball coach for the Panthers. Forbes was named interim coach last year, replacing Alex Morales, who resigned in December 2010 to accept a chief scouting position with the Washington Nationals organization. Forbes was an assistant coach under Morales from 2005 to 2010, and in 2011 led the Panthers to a 26-20 overall record (12-12 in the Southern Conference.)

"It is an honor to coach the baseball team here at Palm Beach State. The program has a tradition of excellence and I look forward to guiding our players in the right direction," said Forbes. "We have a solid group of returning players for 2012. The combination of these returners and an outstanding recruiting class should make for an exciting season next year."

Forbes grew up in Boynton Beach and graduated from Atlantic High School in 1988. He lettered in three varsity sports, swimming, basketball and baseball, and was named the Athlete of the Year by the *Boca/Delray News* in 1987.



Forbes played catcher at nearby Palm Beach Atlantic University. In 1989, he was named to the NAIA District 25 All-Academic Team. Forbes began his coaching career in 1990 at Florida Atlantic University as an assistant coach under Kevin Cooney. In the two years Forbes was at FAU, the team was ranked in the top ten in the country. In 1994, Forbes was hired as the head baseball coach at Palm Beach Atlantic University. During his nine seasons at the helm, Forbes amassed an overall record of 244 wins and 198 losses. The Sailfish qualified for the postseason six times, and were ranked as high as eighth in the NAIA national baseball poll. In the past two seasons Forbes has served as pitching coach at Northwood University under the tutelage of Coach Rick Smoaliak. The two years that Forbes was at Northwood the Seahawks had a record of 73-43.

Forbes has been an associate scout for three major league organizations; from 1993 - 1995, he was an associate scout for the Cleveland Indians, with the Milwaukee Brewers from 1995-2000, and the Atlanta Braves from 2001 to 2010.

Forbes received a bachelor's degree from FAU in 1992 and his master's degree in Education from FAU in 2007.

Serving more than 52,000 students annually, Palm Beach State College is the largest institution of higher education in Palm Beach County, providing bachelor's degrees, associate degrees, professional certificates, career training and lifelong learning. Established in 1933 as Florida's first public community college, it offers more than 100 programs of study at locations in Lake Worth, Boca Raton, Palm Beach Gardens and Belle Glade.

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