



Minute Maid & The Astros In Action Foundation present the

## 2012 Houston Baseball Dinner

Benefiting the **Grand Slam For Youth Baseball** Scholarship Program



### 2012 HOUSTON BASEBALL DINNER BENEFITING GRAND SLAM FOR YOUTH BASEBALL SET FOR FEBRUARY 10

*Event Will Include Top Players In Club History  
As Part of 50th Anniversary Celebration*

Minute Maid and The Astros In Action Foundation are honored to continue the work of The Houston Athletic Committee and present the 2012 Houston Baseball Dinner.

2012 marks the 27th season of the popular dinner, which will take place on **Friday, February 10 at 7 p.m. at the Hilton Americas Hotel** in downtown Houston. Proceeds from this event will benefit the Grand Slam For Youth Baseball scholarship program.

Astros Hall of Fame broadcaster **Milo Hamilton** and veteran Houston sportscaster **Lisa Malosky** will host this year's event. In addition to honoring the top players from the 2011 ballclub, this year's dinner will include a special 50th Anniversary tribute featuring a long list of former Astros team MVPs, including **Bob Watson, J.R. Richard, Jimmy Wynn, Larry Dierker, Jose Cruz, Enos Cabell, Bob Aspromonte** and more. Also part of the 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary recognition will be former Astros **Art Howe** and **Phil Garner** who also managed the 2005 NL Champion Astros.

Members of the 2011 Astros scheduled to attend include **J.D. Martinez** (Rookie of the Year), **Wandy Rodriguez** (Pitcher of the Year) and **Jason Bourgeois** (Darryl Kile Award) and manager **Brad Mills**. Former Astros **Lance Berkman** will attend the dinner and receive the Houston Area Player of the Year award. Former Astros **Hunter Pence** (2011 MVP) will also be recognized at the event, but is unable to attend.

Houston Baseball Dinner co-founder **Ivy McLemore**, a long-time baseball writer who currently serves as a MLB official scorer, will receive the Allen Russell Distinguished Achievement Award. Additionally, longtime Astros television broadcaster **Bill Brown** will receive the Fred Hartman Award for Long and Meritorious Service to Baseball. 2011 marked Brown's 25th season as the Astros play-by-play TV voice.

Brazoswood's coach Bobby Williams will receive the Ray Knoblauch Award as the area's outstanding high school coach in 2011.

The event will also include the annual introduction of the 16-member All-Greater Houston Preseason High School Team as well as the Greater Houston Area's Preseason College Player of the Year. Members of the Preseason High School team are as follows: **SS Geonte Jackson, Fort Bend Elkins; 1B Austin Dean, Klein Collins, C Hunter Kopycinski, St. Thomas; RHP Kevin McCanna, The Woodlands; IF Leon Byrd, Cy Ranch; IF Billy 'Nick' Williams, Galveston Ball; RHP Grayson Long, Barbers Hill; OF Boomer White, Memorial; RHP Holde Helmink, Willis; RHP Chris Lanham, Lamar; OF Jesse Baker, Brenham; IF Dalton Perry, Brazoswood; C Cameron Burns, Bellaire; RHP Blake Fox, Episcopal; IF Billy Arendt, Second Baptist; LHP-1B Hayden Jones, Langham Creek.**



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Dinner attendees will have the opportunity to bid on several attractive items like a First Pitch, a Suite Night and autographed Astros memorabilia. All proceeds going to the GSFYB Scholarship Program.

As part of the 50th Anniversary celebration, we are offering a limited number of MVP tables for 10 that will include tickets to the dinner and the VIP reception held prior to the dinner at 6 p.m. This VIP reception will feature several of the former MVPs and current Astros players. MVP tables are available for \$2,500. Sponsor tables with 10 seats are available at \$1,000. Individual tickets are \$100.

To order tables or tickets, simply go to [www.gsfyb.org](http://www.gsfyb.org) where several purchase options are offered; on line credit/debit card purchases and payment by check. If you have questions, please call our hotline at 713-259-8686 or email [info@gsfyb.org](mailto:info@gsfyb.org). If you are unable to attend but would like to donate to the GSFYB scholarship fund, please call Lorin Leatherwood at 713-259-8979.

Minute Maid and The Astros In Action Foundation are honored to present the event with the support of the Houston Chapter of the Baseball Writers' Association of America. In the past six years, proceeds from this dinner have funded more than 20 GSFYB scholarships. Go to [www.gsfyb.com](http://www.gsfyb.com) for more information on the scholarship program and the 2012 GSFYB Scholarship application.



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