

BRAD JACKSON

Brad was a graduate of Ward Melville High School. He won All-League honors in both his junior and senior seasons as a shortstop. He went on to play his collegiate career at Johnson & Wales University. Brad started all 4 years at shortstop and was selected Conference Player of the Week a record 8 times. He was selected All-Tournament and First Team All-Conference as a junior. As a senior, he earned All-New England honors and was named first team All-Great Northeast Athletic Conference. He won the GNAC batting title (.380) while adding 7 HR and 36 RBIs. His 18 doubles established a new single season school record.

After a stellar collegiate career, Brad signed to play in the New York State League. In 2010 he batted .448 with 14 doubles, 2 triples, 1 HR and 24 RBIs in 35 games and was named the NYSL Most Valuable Player as well as managing the New York Empires to the NYSL Championship. He finished the 2010 season with short stints with the Quebec Capitales of the Can-Am League and the Windy City Thunderbolts of the Frontier League. Jackson then moved back to the Can Am League in 2011. He started with the New York Federals before having his contract purchased by the Newark Bears to finish out the season. In 78 games, Jackson batted .285 with 15 doubles, 2 triples, 4 HR and 29 RBIs.

In 2016 Brad was inducted into the Johnson & Wales Athletic Hall of Fame, the university's highest honor for an athlete. He remains the only Wildcat to sign a professional baseball contract. He has been providing quality instruction to players of all ages throughout the northeast for over a decade.