

# HOUSTON BASEBALL PROGRAM HIGHLIGHTS

- The program has put together 11 40-win seasons.
- Following the 2011 season, the Houston baseball team recorded the highest GPA in program history.
- On Feb. 22, 1995 UH opened its current home facility – Cougar Field – with a 10-2 win over area-rival Sam Houston State.
- Houston has made two College World Series appearances, three NCAA Super Regional appearances and 18 NCAA Regional appearances.
- Houston held its first postseason event at Cougar Field on May 28, 1999, playing host to the 1999 NCAA Houston Regional.
- The Cougars have won eight conference titles and four conference tournament titles.
- Houston can boast of six former student-athletes currently playing Major League Baseball in 2011.
- On March 11, 2004, more than 40,000 fans poured into the San Diego Padres' new facility PETCO Park to watch the Cougars play San Diego State at the Aztec Invitational. It was the largest crowd ever to watch an NCAA baseball game.
- In 2010, Houston became the first program to shutout back-to-back opponents at the Houston College Classic at Minute Maid Park.
- The 2002 team tied the school record with 48 wins and advanced to the championship game of an NCAA Super Regional for the second time in a three-year span.
- The 2000 squad set the school record with 48 wins, they would go on to earn the No. 5 seed entering the 2000 NCAA postseason.
- The Cougars qualified for their first NCAA Super Regional appearance on May 28, 2000 with a win over crosstown-rival Rice during the championship game of the NCAA Houston Regional at Cougar Field.
- In 2000, 11 Cougars were selected in the annual amateur draft to set a then NCAA record.

## INDIVIDUAL ACCOMPLISHMENTS

- 23 NCAA All-America Honorees
- Four Conference USA Player of the Year selections
- One National Player of the Year
- Nine USA Baseball National Team Members
- Houston has had three players selected in the first round of the MLB Draft.
- Pitcher/infielder Brad Lincoln was named the National Player of the Year in 2006 by four media groups and received the prestigious Dick Howser Trophy after one of the greatest seasons by any Cougar student-athlete. He would go on to be selected at the No. 4 overall pick in the MLB Draft, the highest that a UH or Conference USA player has ever been drafted.
- Only 40 days after tossing his last pitch in a Cougar uniform, reliever Ryan Wagner (2002-03) became the first player in UH, Conference USA and Cincinnati Reds history to pitch in the Major Leagues during the same year in which he was drafted during the 2003 season.
- Following the 2002 season, junior shortstop/relief pitcher Jesse Crain became the first player in school and Conference USA history to be named to the All-Conference USA First Team at two different positions. Earlier in the season, Crain became only the second player in league history to be named both the C-USA Hitter and Pitcher of the Week in the same season.
- In June 2002, sophomore righthander Brad Sullivan became the first consensus All-American in UH and Conference USA history.
- Reliever Ben Weber became the first Cougar to play for a World Series champion on Oct. 27, 2002 when the Anaheim Angels took a 4-1 win over the San Francisco Giants in game seven of the World Series.
- In 2000, righthander Kyle Crowell collected his second straight honor as Conference USA Pitcher of the Year. Crowell remains the only pitcher to collect the award twice during a career.
- Pitcher Doug Drabek (1981-83) ranks as the Cougar' most decorated player at the Major League level. Drabek earned the Cy Young Award while helping lead the Pittsburgh Pirates to the 1990 National League Championship Series.
- Houston outfielder Tom Paciorek became the first Cougar in school history to be named a First-Team All-American in 1967 after batting .435 with 10 home runs and 29 RBIs.
- Paciorek also became the first Cougar to play in the Major Leagues when he joined the Los Angeles Dodgers in 1970. He went on to enjoy a 23-year career with six teams and would be named to the All-Star Game in 1981. His 1974 appearance in 1974 was also the first by a former Houston baseball player.
- On March 17, 1951, pitcher Bobby Hollman begins a streak of 25.0 consecutive scoreless innings against Texas A&M to set a UH record that would stand until Kyle Crowell pitched 36.2 consecutive scoreless innings during the 1999 season.