

HIT IT OUT OF THE PARK!

LESSONS LEARNED FROM A CHAMPIONSHIP PROGRAM
APPLIED TO THE LEGAL FIELD

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Introduction: A Match Made in Baton Rouge



My father, Rick Greene, threw the final pitch of the 1991 National Championship season, LSU's first in baseball.

Safe to say baseball is in my blood!

This newspaper front page has been framed in my bedroom since the day I was born.

**Bradley
Murchison**

Background: From Fan to Part of the Team and Law Student



LSU's billboard in right field denoting each year in which they've won a National Championship, named "The Intimidator"



Me in my law school graduation gown in my grandparents' seats, both of whom were judges and attorneys in the Baton Rouge area.

Lesson #1: Be a Better Human than [insert job title here]

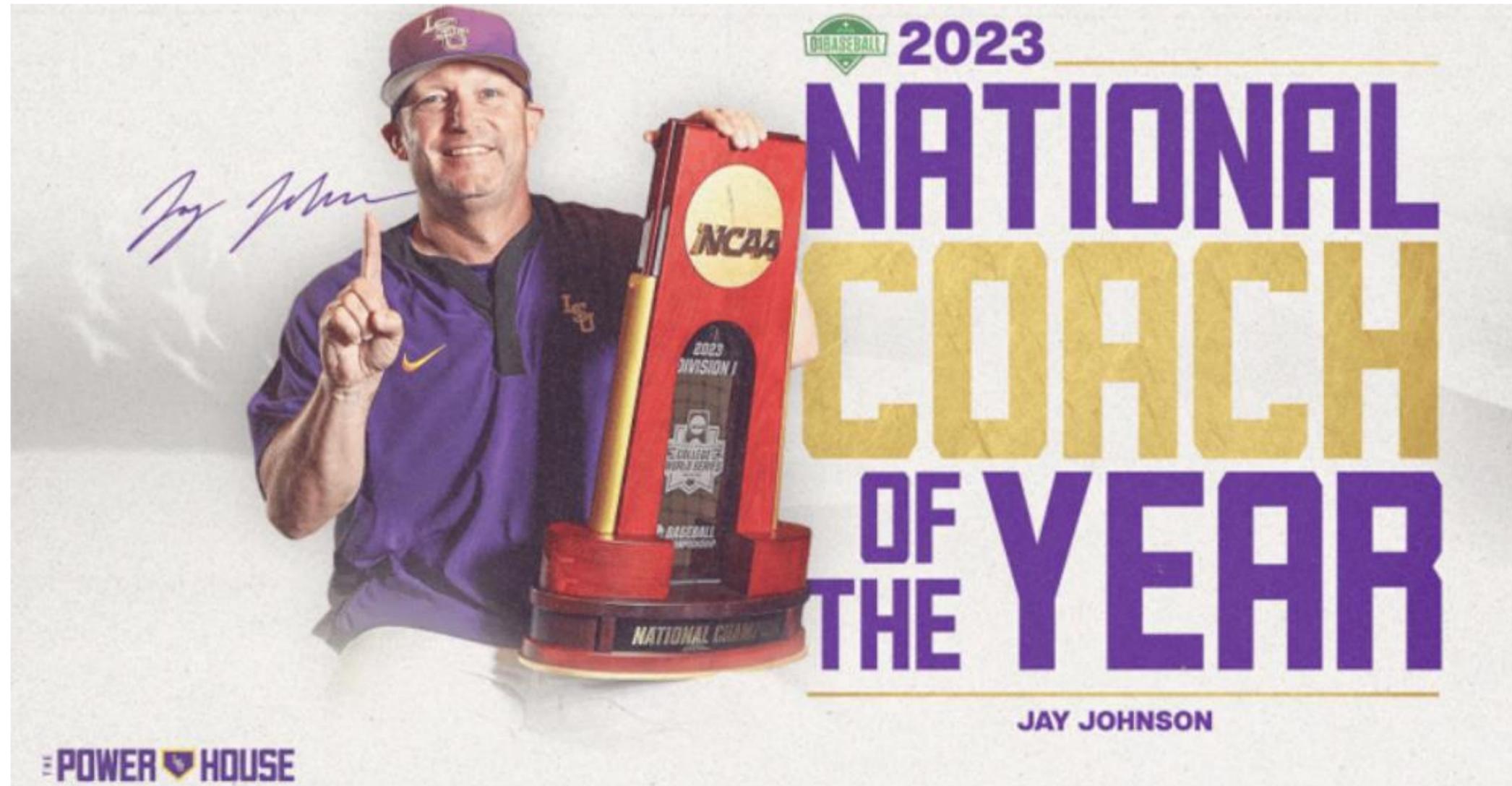


Former LSU and current Washington Nationals Outfielder Dylan Crews, who regularly welcomed families with special needs children as his guests for home games

Lesson #2: Proper Preparation Prevents Poor Performance

“What is my goal?”

My goal is when you look out on that field at Alex Box Stadium, there's a brand of baseball that everybody in this state, in this community associated with this university is **incredibly** proud of. You know what that looks like. You've seen it. No program in college baseball has seen it on a more consistent basis than LSU. All I want to do is pour my life into continuing that.”



-LSU Head Baseball Coach Jay Johnson, the most prepared individual I've come across in my life

Lesson #3: Think Outside the Box and Stay the Course



“I’m really proud of him. I think I mentioned this earlier, he’s had a great tournament. So we’ve talked about him a lot, that he didn’t have a very good 2021 season. We needed to shift some things.

But my first impression of him was he was all about the team. All he wanted to do was be a great player for LSU. He’s never mentioned pro baseball one time. It’s just ‘what can I do to help’, whether that’s leadership, fix my swing, improve my approach, maybe be able to play some first base.

And he wasn’t playing at the beginning of the season because Tommy [White] hurt his shoulder and so we had to shift the DH position around.

I just kind of had a feeling we’d get to our best team, he would be part of that. That was really clear. He never wavered in any of that.

I tell people all the time, him going down last year, that hurt our team dramatically. I think if you’re paying attention to the College World Series, you can clearly see why.” – LSU Head Coach Jay Johnson on Cade Beloso

Former LSU First Baseman and Designated Hitter Cade Beloso

Lesson #4: Your Best is the Standard



It was only the third (and final) time they lost twice in a row the entire season.

LSU's loss to Texas A&M eliminated them from the 2023 SEC Baseball Tournament in Hoover, Alabama.

Lesson #5: One Pitch at a Time



LSU Tigers

Baseball Box Score

4-24

vs.



(2) Florida



LSU Tigers

Baseball Box Score

18-4

vs.



(2) Florida

DATE	TIME	LOCATION	STATUS
Sun, Jun. 25 (2023)	2:00 pm	Omaha, Neb. (Charles Schwab Field Omaha)	Neutral

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Mon, Jun. 26 (2023)	6:00 pm	Omaha, Neb. (Charles Schwab Field Omaha)	Neutral

The way the team responded from a crushing defeat allowed them to win a National Championship the next day.

Thank you!