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With the election of **Ken Griffey Jr.** and **Mike Piazza** by the Baseball Writers' Association of America today, the Class of 2016 is now set at the Baseball Hall of Fame...The two electees will be inducted into the Baseball Hall of Fame at 1:30 p.m. ET on Sunday, July 24 at the Clark Sports Center in Cooperstown...2016 Ford C. Frick Award winner **Graham McNamee** and 2016 Spink Award winner **Dan Shaughnessy** will be honored during Induction Weekend at the *Awards Presentation* on Saturday, July 23 at Doubleday Field in Cooperstown.

MEET THE ELECTEE(S): A press conference with the 2016 BBWAA electees and Hall of Fame officials will be held at 3 p.m. Thursday, Jan. 7 in New York City...**CREDENTIALS ARE REQUIRED TO ATTEND THE PRESS CONFERENCE** and the press conference is open only to working media members...**PLEASE RSVP TO HALL OF FAME DIRECTOR OF COMMUNICATIONS CRAIG MUDER AT cmuder@baseballhall.org**...The press conference will be televised live on MLB Network.

THE 2016 BALLOT: The BBWAA ballot featured 32 players, including 15 new candidates (in bold face in chart below) and 17 returnees...Candidates appearing on the necessary 75 percent of all ballots cast to earn election appear in bold below...Candidates receiving less than five percent of the vote are no longer eligible for BBWAA consideration and appear in italics below...Fifteen players will return for consideration in 2017...A total of 440 votes were cast, with 330 votes necessary for election and 22 votes necessary to remain on the ballot...Ken Griffey Jr. became the 51st player elected to the Hall on his first BBWAA ballot and set a new record by receiving 99.32 percent of the overall vote...Alan Trammell received 40.9 percent of the vote, and Mark McGwire received 12.3 percent in their final years of eligibility on the BBWAA ballot...The final results, in order of percentage received with number of years on the ballot::

NAME	YR	2016	NAME	YR	2016	NAME	YR	2016
Ken Griffey Jr.	1	99.3%	Fred McGriff	7	20.9%	<i>Garret Anderson</i>	1	0.2%
Mike Piazza	4	83.0%	Jeff Kent	3	16.6%	<i>Brad Ausmus</i>	1	0.0%
Jeff Bagwell	6	71.6%	Larry Walker	6	15.5%	<i>Luis Castillo</i>	1	0.0%
Tim Lincecum	9	69.8%	Mark McGwire	10	12.3%	<i>Troy Glaus</i>	1	0.0%
Trevor Hoffman	1	67.3%	Gary Sheffield	2	11.6%	<i>Mark Grudzielanek</i>	1	0.0%
Curt Schilling	4	52.3%	Billy Wagner	1	10.5%	<i>Mike Hampton</i>	1	0.0%
Roger Clemens	4	45.2%	Sammy Sosa	4	7.0%	<i>Mike Lowell</i>	1	0.0%
Barry Bonds	4	44.3%	<i>Jim Edmonds</i>	1	2.5%	<i>Randy Winn</i>	1	0.0%
Edgar Martinez	7	43.4%	<i>Nomar Garciaparra</i>	2	1.8%			
Mike Mussina	3	43.0%	<i>Mike Sweeney</i>	1	0.7%			
Alan Trammell	15	40.9%	<i>David Eckstein</i>	1	0.5%			
Lee Smith	14	34.1%	<i>Jason Kendall</i>	1	0.5%			

THE VOTING ELECTORATE: Of the 472 Hall of Fame ballots distributed to BBWAA voters for the 2016 election, 440 (93.2 percent) were returned...The most ballots ever cast in one BBWAA Hall of Fame election came in 2011 with 581...The last time a BBWAA Hall of Fame election featured fewer than 500 votes was in 2000 when 499 votes were cast...The last time as few as 440 votes were cast was in 1993 when 423 votes were cast...Voting privileges are extended to those BBWAA members meeting their organization’s Hall of Fame voting qualifications and in good standing with the BBWAA...Voters can select from zero to 10 names on their Hall of Fame ballot...Votes on 75 percent of all ballots cast are necessary for election.

CREDIT AN ASSIST: Thanks to the firm of Ernst and Young for its assistance in verifying the vote, year-in and year-out.

CAREFUL SELECTION: 2016 marked the 72nd Hall of Fame election held by the BBWAA...Starting in 1936, the BBWAA has elected someone 64 times and on eight occasions it did not elect anyone (1945, 1946, 1950, 1958, 1960, 1971, 1996, 2013)...On nine occasions, no election was held (1940, 1941, 1943, 1944, 1957, 1959, 1961, 1963, 1965)...The BBWAA membership has elected from zero to five candidates in each of its 72 elections...As quantified in the chart below, the BBWAA has voted in either one or two players more than any other quantity (26 times).

ELECTED	TIMES	LAST	CLASS
5	1	1936	Cobb, Johnson, Mathewson, Ruth, Wagner
4	3	2015	Biggio, Johnson, Martinez, Smoltz
3	8	2014	Glavine, Maddux, Thomas
2	26	2016	Griffey Jr., Piazza
1	26	2012	Larkin
0	8	2013	----

POWER WILL TRAVEL: Ken Griffey Jr. becomes the first player who recorded seasons of 40-or-more home runs in both the American and National Leagues to be elected to the Hall of Fame...Griffey achieved the mark six times with the Mariners (1993-94, 1996-99) and once with the Reds (2000)...There have been seven other players who reached 40 homers in full seasons in both leagues, including Adam Dunn, Darrell Evans, Shawn Green, David Justice, Mark McGwire, Albert Pujols and Jim Thome.

DERBY DOMINANCE: Ken Griffey Jr. becomes the fifth Home Run Derby winner to be enshrined in Cooperstown, joining Andre Dawson (1985), Ryne Sandberg (1990), Cal Ripken Jr. (1991) and Frank Thomas (1995)...Griffey (1994, 1998-99) is the first multiple-time winner of the annual All-Star Game event to be elected to the Hall of Fame...The first MLB Home Run Derby was staged in 1985.

THIRD FOR BASES: Ken Griffey Jr. led the American League in total bases in 1997 with 393, becoming just the third center fielder in history to reach that number in one season, trailing only two other Hall of Famers on the all-time list...Hack Wilson holds the record for center fielders with 423 total bases in 1930, while Joe DiMaggio tallied 418 total bases in 1937.

CENTER STAGE: Griffey also stands near the top defensively at his position, as his 10 Gold Glove Awards are tied with Andruw Jones for second behind Willie Mays (12) for most Gold Glove Awards won by players who played the majority of their games in center field...The Gold Glove Award was given to specific positions (right field, center field, left field) in the outfield from 1957 to 1961 before switching to just outfielders from 1961 to 2010...It has been awarded once again to specific outfield positions each year since 2011.

BACKSTOP BRAUN: Mike Piazza holds the career record for most home runs by a catcher with 396...He also had nine seasons of 30 or more home runs, more than double the total of any other backstop in history...In 2000, Piazza tied an MLB record by hitting a homer in 18 different ballparks...Piazza hit home runs when his team needed them most: 157 of his 427 career homers (37 percent) came when his team was behind...Piazza was also able to combine his power with an elite ability to get on base, as he is the only catcher in history to record three different seasons with an OPS (on-base plus slugging percentage) of 1.000 or higher.

200, 100: Mike Piazza is the only catcher in history to record at least 200 hits in a season while catching at least 100 games in that season...Piazza appeared in 139 games as a catcher with the Dodgers in 1997 and tallied 201 hits...Hall of Famer Joe Torre is the only other player to have appeared in as many as half of his games as a catcher in a year with at least 200 hits, having totaled 203 hits with the Cardinals in 1970 while catching 90 games, appearing at 73 games at third base and one game at first base.

DISHING IT OUT: Mike Piazza posted six seasons with at least a .300 batting average, 30 home runs and 100 RBI while playing at least half of his games as a catcher during that season...All other catchers in baseball history have totaled nine such seasons: Roy Campanella (3 seasons), Walker Cooper (1 season), Gabby Hartnett (1 season), Javy Lopez (1 season), Ivan Rodriguez (1 season), Joe Torre (1 season) and Rudy York (1 season).

HIGH AND LOW: Ken Griffey Jr, the former No. 1 overall selection by the Seattle Mariners in the 1987 MLB Amateur Draft, is now the first No. 1 overall pick to be elected to the Hall of Fame...Griffey surpasses Reggie Jackson, the 2nd overall choice by the Kansas City Athletics in 1966, as the highest drafted Hall of Famer...Meanwhile, Mike Piazza is now the lowest drafted player (1988 – 62nd round; pick No. 1,390 by the Los Angeles Dodgers) to eventually earn enshrinement in Cooperstown, surpassing John Smoltz, who was selected in the 22nd round with the 574th overall pick by the Tigers in 1985.

12 STARS: Since the Mid-Summer Classic debuted in 1933, 35 position players have been named to All-Star Games in at least 12 big league seasons...Ken Griffey Jr. and Mike Piazza are now the 27th and 28th players in that group to be elected to the Hall of Fame...Four of the remaining players (Derek Jeter, Manny Ramirez, Alex Rodriguez, Ivan Rodriguez) are not yet eligible because they have not been retired for at least five seasons...Barry Bonds will make his fifth appearance on the BBWAA Hall of Fame ballot in 2017...The final two are Pete Rose, who is not eligible for the Hall of Fame, and Mark McGwire, who made his 10th and final appearance on the BBWAA ballot this year:

PLAYER	ALL-STAR SEASONS	ELECTED TO HOF
Hank Aaron.....	21.....	1982
Willie Mays.....	20.....	1979
Stan Musial.....	20.....	1969
Cal Ripken.....	19.....	2007
Rod Carew.....	18.....	1991
Carl Yastrzemski	18.....	1989
Pete Rose.....	17.....	–
Ted Williams.....	17.....	1966
Mickey Mantle...	16.....	1974
Yogi Berra.....	15.....	1972
Tony Gwynn.....	15.....	2007
Al Kaline.....	15.....	1980
Brooks Robinson	15.....	1983
Ozzie Smith.....	15.....	2002
Johnny Bench....	14.....	1989
Barry Bonds.....	14.....	–
Reggie Jackson ..	14.....	1993
Alex Rodriguez..	14.....	–
Ivan Rodriguez...	14.....	–
George Brett.....	13.....	1999
Joe DiMaggio.....	13.....	1955
Ken Griffey Jr..	13.....	2016
Derek Jeter.....	13.....	–
Roberto Alomar .	12.....	2011
Wade Boggs.....	12.....	2005
Roberto Clemente	12.....	1973
Nellie Fox.....	12.....	1997
Barry Larkin.....	12.....	2012
Mark McGwire ..	12.....	–
Mel Ott.....	12.....	1951
Mike Piazza	12.....	2016
Manny Ramirez..	12.....	–
Frank Robinson..	12.....	1982
Mike Schmidt.....	12.....	1995
Dave Winfield....	12.....	2001

NOT TOO DISTANT FUTURE: A partial list of eligible first-time players for upcoming Hall of Fame elections includes: **2017:** Vladimir Guerrero, Jorge Posada, Manny Ramirez, Ivan Rodriguez; **2018:** Chipper Jones, Jim Thome, Omar Vizquel; **2019:** Roy Halladay, Todd Helton, Andy Pettitte, Mariano Rivera; **2020:** Derek Jeter, Paul Konerko, Alfonso Soriano; **2021:** Tim Hudson, Torii Hunter, Aramis Ramirez, Barry Zito.

RULES FOR ELECTION: Voting criteria for BBWAA electors can be found at <http://baseballhall.org/hall-famers/rules-election/bbwaa>... Voting rules state that: “Voting shall be based upon the player's record, playing ability, integrity, sportsmanship, character, and contributions to the team(s) on which the player played.”

THE GAME’S ELITE: The Hall of Fame is comprised of 312 elected members...Included are 217 former major league players, 28 executives, 35 Negro Leaguers, 22 managers and 10 umpires...The BBWAA has elected 121 candidates to the Hall while the veterans committees (in all forms) have chosen 165 deserving candidates (96 major leaguers, 28 executives, 22 managers, 10 umpires and nine Negro Leaguers)...The defunct “Committee on Negro Baseball Leagues” selected nine men between 1971-77 and the Special Committee on Negro Leagues in 2006 elected 17 Negro Leaguers...There are currently 70 living members.

LIVING HISTORY: With the election of Ken Griffey Jr. and Mike Piazza, there are now 70 living members of the Hall of Fame, tying the previous high in early 2015 for the most ever at any one point in history since elections began in 1936.

70 AMBASSADORS: The 70 living members of the Hall of Fame are: Hank Aaron, Roberto Alomar, Luis Aparicio, Johnny Bench, Craig Biggio, Bert Blyleven, Wade Boggs, George Brett, Lou Brock, Jim Bunning, Rod Carew, Steve Carlton, Orlando Cepeda, Bobby Cox, Andre Dawson, Bobby Doerr, Dennis Eckersley, Rollie Fingers, Carlton Fisk, Whitey Ford, Bob Gibson, Pat Gillick, Tom Glavine, Goose Gossage, Ken Griffey Jr., Doug Harvey, Rickey Henderson, Whitey Herzog, Monte Irvin, Reggie Jackson, Ferguson Jenkins, Randy Johnson, Al Kaline, Sandy Koufax, Barry Larkin, Tony La Russa, Tom Lasorda, Greg Maddux, Juan Marichal, Pedro Martínez, Willie Mays, Bill Mazerowski, Willie McCovey, Paul Molitor, Joe Morgan, Eddie Murray, Phil Niekro, Jim Palmer, Tony Pérez, Gaylord Perry, Mike Piazza, Jim Rice, Cal Ripken, Brooks Robinson, Frank Robinson, Nolan Ryan, Ryne Sandberg, Mike Schmidt, Red Schoendienst, Tom Seaver, Ozzie Smith, John Smoltz, Bruce Sutter, Don Sutton, Frank Thomas, Joe Torre, Billy Williams, Dave Winfield, Carl Yastrzemski and Robin Yount.

CONNECTING GENERATIONS: Bobby Doerr is the oldest living Hall of Famer in history, having surpassed Al Lopez (97 years, 71 days) on June 18, 2015...Doerr was born on April 7, 1918, while World War I was still raging around the globe...Pedro Martínez, who was born on Oct. 25, 1971, is the youngest living Hall of Famer at 44 years of age.

BETWEEN THE LINES: Including Negro League players, the following is a breakdown by position of the 252 Hall of Famers who earned their election on the playing field...Also included is the last major leaguer to be elected at each position...Numbers in parenthesis indicate Hall of Famers elected by the BBWAA at each position.

Pitchers 77 (41)	Second Baseman ..21 (11)	Left Fielders21 (11)
Catchers 17 (9)	Third Baseman 16 (6)	Center Fielders24 (8)
First Baseman 21 (9)	Shortstops24 (11)	Right Fielders24 (13)
Designated Hitter 1 (1)		

DH: Thomas (2014)

PITCHER: Johnson, Martínez, Smoltz (2015)
 CATCHER: Piazza (2016)
 FIRST BASE: Murray (2003)

SECOND BASE: Biggio (2015)
 THIRD BASE: White (2013)
 SHORTSTOP: Larkin (2012)

LEFT FIELD: Henderson, Rice (2009)
 CENTER FIELD: Griffey Jr. (2016)
 RIGHT FIELD: Dawson (2010)

FIRST THINGS FIRST: With the election of Ken Griffey Jr., fifty-one players have now been elected in their first year of eligibility (16 pitchers, seven RF, six LF, five CF, five SS, five 3B, three 2B, two 1B, one DH and one catcher; position based on where electee played the majority of his big league games)...In 10 of the last 15 elections, at least one player has been elected in his first year of eligibility...Other than the inaugural Hall of Fame election, 1999, 2014 and 2015 are the only three years where as many as three first-year candidates were elected at once...NOTE: Lou Gehrig (who received votes in 1936 while active and then was elected by acclamation in 1939) and Roberto Clemente (by special election in 1973) were each elected through a non-traditional process and are not counted in the 50.

YEAR	NAME	YEAR	NAME	YEAR	NAME	YEAR	NAME
1936	Ty Cobb	1979	Willie Mays	1991	Rod Carew	2004	Paul Molitor
1936	Honus Wagner	1980	Al Kaline	1992	Tom Seaver	2005	Wade Boggs
1936	Babe Ruth	1981	Bob Gibson	1993	Reggie Jackson	2007	Cal Ripken
1936	Christy Mathewson	1982	Hank Aaron	1994	Steve Carlton	2007	Tony Gwynn
1936	Walter Johnson	1982	Frank Robinson	1995	Mike Schmidt	2009	Rickey Henderson
1962	Jackie Robinson	1983	Brooks Robinson	1999	Nolan Ryan	2014	Greg Maddux
1962	Bob Feller	1985	Lou Brock	1999	George Brett	2014	Tom Glavine
1966	Ted Williams	1986	Willie McCovey	1999	Robin Yount	2014	Frank Thomas
1969	Stan Musial	1988	Willie Stargell	2001	Kirby Puckett	2015	Randy Johnson
1972	Sandy Koufax	1989	Johnny Bench	2001	Dave Winfield	2015	Pedro Martínez
1973	Warren Spahn	1989	Carl Yastrzemski	2002	Ozzie Smith	2015	John Smoltz
1974	Mickey Mantle	1990	Jim Palmer	2003	Eddie Murray	2016	Ken Griffey Jr.
1977	Ernie Banks	1990	Joe Morgan	2004	Dennis Eckersley		

TRY AND TRY AGAIN: The 68 men not elected by the BBWAA in their first year eligible were done so on a later ballot, taking from two to 16 elections...The length of time a player could stay on the BBWAA ballot has varied throughout history...From 1946-56, the rule was that a player must have been active at some point in the 25 years prior to the election – it was increased to 30 years from 1956-62, was 20 years from 1963-2014 and is now 15 years...When one walks through the Hall of Fame Gallery, though, the year or method by which players were elected are not noted...The 68 non-first year BBWAA electees: **2nd election** (Alomar, Berra, Fingers, Fisk, Ford, Lajoie, Speaker, Young); **3rd election** (Alexander, Biggio, Grove, Hubbell, Hunter, Jenkins, Larkin, Marichal, Ott, Perry, Sandberg); **4th election** (E.Collins, DiMaggio, Keeler, Killebrew, Piazza, Roberts, Sisler, Wynn); **5th election** (Campanella, Hornsby, Mathews, Niekro, Sutton); **6th election** (Aparicio, Carter, Cochrane, Frisch, Gehringer, P.Waner, B.Williams); **7th election** (Appling, Foxx); **8th election** (Pennock, Traynor, Wilhelm); **9th election** (Dawson, Gossage, Greenberg, Medwick, Perez); **10th election** (Boudreau, Cronin, Dickey, Drysdale, Lyons, Simmons); **11th election** (Snider); **12th election** (Dean, Hartnett, Heilmann, Lemon); **13th election** (Kiner, Sutter); **14th election** (Blyleven, Maranville, Terry); **15th election** (Rice, Ruffing); **16th election** (Vance).

ONE-TEAM WONDERS: There are 49 Hall of Famers who spent their entire career with one team...The list includes: Luke Appling, Ernie Banks, Johnny Bench, Craig Biggio, George Brett, Roy Campanella, Roberto Clemente, Earle Combs, Bill Dickey, Joe DiMaggio, Bobby Doerr, Don Drysdale, Red Faber, Bob Feller, Whitey Ford, Lou Gehrig, Charlie Gehringer, Bob Gibson, Tony Gwynn, Carl Hubbell, Travis Jackson, Walter Johnson, Addie Joss, Al Kaline, Sandy Koufax, Barry Larkin, Bob Lemon, Ted Lyons, Mickey Mantle, Bill Mazeroski, Bid McPhee, Stan Musial, Mel Ott, Jim Palmer, Kirby Puckett, Pee Wee Reese, Jim Rice, Cal Ripken, Phil Rizzuto, Brooks Robinson, Jackie Robinson, Mike Schmidt, Willie Stargell, Pie Traynor, Bill Terry, Ted Williams, Carl Yastrzemski, Ross Youngs and Robin Yount.

NINE TENTHS OF THE LAW: No individual has been elected to the Hall of Fame by the BBWAA as a unanimous choice, though there have been many close calls...Ken Griffey Jr. became the 31st player to earn at least 90 percent of the BBWAA vote in any one election...Griffey, who received 99.32% of the vote in 2016, set a new record for highest vote total in a BBWAA election...The 31 players with at least 90% of votes cast in their favor:

YEAR	PLAYER	BALLOTS CAST	VOTES RECEIVED	% RECEIVED	OMITTED BALLOTS
2016	Ken Griffey Jr.	440	437	99.32%	3
1992	Tom Seaver	430	425	98.84%	5
1999	Nolan Ryan	497	491	98.79%	6
2007	Cal Ripken	545	537	98.53%	8
1936	Ty Cobb	226	222	98.23%	4
1999	George Brett	497	488	98.19%	9
1982	Hank Aaron	415	406	97.83%	9
2007	Tony Gwynn	545	532	97.60%	13
2015	Randy Johnson	549	534	97.27%	15
2014	Greg Maddux	571	555	97.20%	16
1995	Mike Schmidt	460	444	96.52%	16
1989	Johnny Bench	447	431	96.42%	16
1994	Steve Carlton	455	436	95.82%	19
1936	Honus Wagner	226	215	95.13%	11
1936	Babe Ruth	226	215	95.13%	11
2009	Rickey Henderson	539	511	94.81%	28
1979	Willie Mays	432	409	94.67%	23
1989	Carl Yastrzemski	447	423	94.63%	24
1962	Bob Feller	160	150	93.75%	10
1993	Reggie Jackson	423	396	93.62%	27
1966	Ted Williams	302	282	93.37%	20
1969	Stan Musial	340	317	93.23%	23
1990	Jim Palmer	444	411	92.57%	33
1983	Brooks Robinson	374	344	91.97%	30
2014	Tom Glavine	571	525	91.94%	46
2005	Wade Boggs	516	474	91.86%	42
2002	Ozzie Smith	472	433	91.74%	39
2015	Pedro Martinez	549	500	91.07%	49
1936	Christy Mathewson	226	205	90.70%	21
1991	Rod Carew	443	401	90.50%	42
2011	Roberto Alomar	581	523	90.02%	58

PRE-INTEGRATION ERA COMMITTEE ELECTION

PRE-INTEGRATION ERA COMMITTEE RESULTS: Last fall, the Pre-Integration Era Committee considered candidates whose biggest contributions to the game came from baseball's origins through 1946, the year before Jackie Robinson broke the color barrier in the major leagues, during Baseball's Winter Meetings Dec. 6-7 in Nashville, Tenn...No candidate emerged from the election with the necessary 75 percent of the vote needed to earn election to the Hall of Fame...**RESULTS OF PRE-INTEGRATION ERA BALLOT ELECTION (12 NEEDED FOR ELECTION):** Doc Adams (10 votes, 62.5%); Bill Dahlen (8 votes, 50.0%); Harry Stovey (8 votes, 50.0%); Sam Breadon, Wes Ferrell, August "Garry" Herrmann, Marty Marion, Frank McCormick, Chris von der Ahe and Bucky Walters received three or fewer votes each.

THE PRE-INTEGRATION ERA ELECTORATE: The 16-member Pre-Integration Era electorate featured Hall of Fame members **Bert Blyleven, Bobby Cox, Pat Gillick and Phil Niekro**; major league executives **Chuck Armstrong, Bill DeWitt, Gary Hughes and Tal Smith**; and veteran media members **Steve Hirdt, Peter Morris, Jack O'Connell, Claire Smith, Tim Sullivan, T.R. Sullivan, Gary Thorne and Tim Wendel**...The Pre-Integration Era Committee is reconstituted each time it meets, with the next meeting scheduled for the fall of 2018 for consideration of candidates for the Class of 2019...The Pre-Integration Era ballot was devised by the Baseball Writers' Association of America-appointed Historical Overview Committee, comprised of 11 veteran members: **Dave Van Dyck** (*Chicago Tribune*), **Bob Elliott** (*Toronto Sun*), **Jim Henneman** (formerly *Baltimore Sun*), **Rick Hummel** (*St. Louis Post-Dispatch*), **Steve Hirdt** (*Elias Sports Bureau*), **Bill Madden** (formerly *New York Daily News*), **Jack O'Connell** (BBWAA secretary/treasurer), **Jim Reeves** (formerly *Fort Worth Star-Telegram*), **Tracy Ringolsby** (MLB.com), **Glenn Schwarz** (formerly *San Francisco Chronicle*) and **Mark Whicker** (*Los Angeles News Group*).

WHO'S ELIGIBLE: The Pre-Integration Era covers candidates among managers, umpires, executives and long-retired players whose most significant career impact came from baseball's origins through 1946, the year before Jackie Robinson broke the color barrier in the major leagues ...Eligible candidates include: Players who played in at least 10 major league seasons, who are not on Major League Baseball's ineligible list; Managers and Umpires with 10 or more years in baseball; and Executives who have been retired for at least five years.

ON DECK FOR 2016: At the Winter Meetings in 2016 in Washington, D.C., a Voting Committee will be comprised to consider the Expansion Era Ballot, as devised by the BBWAA's Historical Overview Committee, featuring candidates whose most significant contributions came from 1973 to the present.

FUTURE ELECTIONS: The 2010 changes to the Hall of Fame election process maintain the high standards for earning election to the National Baseball Hall of Fame, with focus on three eras: Expansion (1973-present); Golden (1947-1972) and Pre-Integration (origins through 1946), as opposed to the previous four Committees on Baseball Veterans, which considered the four categories of candidates...Three separate electorates consider by era a single composite ballot of managers, umpires, executives and long-retired players on an annual basis, with the Expansion Era candidates to be considered at the 2016 Winter Meetings for Induction in 2017 and the Golden Era Committee candidates to be considered at the 2017 Winter Meetings for Induction in 2018...The Pre-Integration Era Committee will next meet in the fall of 2018 for consideration of candidates for the Class of 2019.

2016 AWARD WINNERS

Graham McNamee, winner of the 2016 Ford C. Frick Award for broadcasters, and Dan Shaughnessy, the 2016 winner of the Baseball Writers' Association of America's J.G. Taylor Spink Award, will be honored at the 2016 Hall of Fame *Awards Presentation* on Saturday, July 23 at Doubleday Field in Cooperstown.

BOSTON STRONG: *Boston Globe* sports columnist Dan Shaughnessy, who has been a major voice on baseball in New England and nationally for 35 years, has been elected the 2016 winner of the J.G. Taylor Spink Award in balloting by the Baseball Writers' Association of America...Shaughnessy, born July 20, 1953 in Groton, Mass., began his career with the *Baltimore Evening Sun* in 1977 and then took a role as a national baseball writer for the *Washington Star* before settling in with the *Globe* in 1986...The Holy Cross graduate has covered more than 35 spring trainings and 25 World Series...He has also written 12 books, including nine on baseball, most notably "Curse of the Bambino"...Shaughnessy also popularized the phrase, "Red Sox Nation" that took on special meaning during the team's storybook run to the 2004 World Series championship, which marked the franchise's first title in 86 years...Through his columns, Shaughnessy has taken on owners, front offices, managers, coaches and players alike in pertinent issues through good times and bad with the Red Sox...He was the last writer to interview Hall of Famer Ted Williams before the legend's passing in 2002...Shaughnessy becomes the fifth Boston-based writer to be honored, joining Harold Kaese and Tim Murnane, plus his former *Globe* colleagues Peter Gammons and Larry Whiteside...Shaughnessy is the 67th winner of the Spink Award.

RADIO'S FIRST SUPERSTAR: Graham McNamee, whose national play-by-play of the World Series in the earliest days of radio transformed the one-time opera singer into a household name, has been selected as the 2016 recipient of the Ford C. Frick Award, presented annually for excellence in broadcasting by the National Baseball Hall of Fame and Museum...Born July 10, 1888 in Washington, D.C. and raised in St. Paul, Minn., McNamee aspired to be an opera singer...But during a lunch break from jury duty in 1923, McNamee strolled into radio station WEAJ in New York City and auditioned for a job as an announcer...The station was impressed with his diction and voice and hired him...When the 1923 World Series arrived featuring the Yankees and the Giants, McNamee was paired with legendary sportswriter Grantland Rice on the air – and quickly demonstrated a knack for entertaining reportage of the games...McNamee's work at the World Series vaulted him to the head of the class of announcers in the fledgling world of national radio broadcasts...He helped establish the role of NBC at major events, calling auto races, boxing matches, political conventions and the return of Charles Lindbergh from his transatlantic flight in 1927...Just like Lindbergh, McNamee was featured on the cover of *Time* magazine for his exploits in 1927...But it was through baseball games where McNamee reached his greatest audience...He called the World Series each year from 1923 through 1934 and also worked the first four MLB All-Star Games from 1933 through 1936...McNamee passed away in 1942 at the age of 53...He is the 40th winner of the Frick Award.

MUSEUM NEWS FROM COOPERSTOWN

AUTUMN GLORY: Artifacts from the Kansas City Royals' second world championship in franchise history have arrived in Cooperstown and are now on display in the Museum's *Autumn Glory* exhibit...The artifacts from the 2015 postseason will be on display through the 2016 postseason in *Autumn Glory*, the Museum's exhibition celebrating the postseason...Artifacts include:

- Jersey worn by Royals first baseman Eric Hosmer in Game 5, which featured his daring dash home with the tying run in the ninth inning
- Glove used by Royals catcher and World Series Most Valuable Player Salvador Perez throughout the Series
- Spikes worn throughout the Series by Royals center fielder Lorenzo Cain
- Road cap worn by Royals closer Wade Davis, who struck out eight batters in four innings of work and notched the Series' only save
- Bat used by Royals third baseman Mike Moustakas, who hit .304 in the Series and drove in three runs
- Bat used by Royals shortstop Alcides Escobar, who scored four runs and drove in four more in the Series

The Royals' World Series artifacts are joined in *Autumn Glory* by a jersey worn during the postseason by the Mets' Daniel Murphy...Murphy was named the Most Valuable Player of the Mets' National League Championship Series triumph, and hit seven home runs in 14 postseason games this year.

A WHOLE NEW LOOK: Baseball remains unchanged as the National Pastime, a label it has worn for more than 100 years...But the game is also forever changing, reflecting its days and adapting to its time...Those changes have never been more evident than in the past five decades, and the National Baseball Hall of Fame and Museum tells the story of baseball's most recent era in its *Whole New Ballgame* exhibit...The Museum's newest permanent exhibit opened Nov. 7 in the new Janetschek Gallery on the Museum's second floor, and features more than 300 artifacts and Library items while exploring iconic moments like Carlton Fisk's home run in Game 6 of the 1975 World Series, game-altering rules changes like the designated hitter and labor challenges that redefined the fiscal boundaries of the sport...Featuring new video displays and the implementation of interactive elements not seen before at the Cooperstown shrine, *Whole New Ballgame* chronicles the changing nature of baseball from the 1970s to the present by examining the game and its culture as a whole. The game's athletic achievements and evolving nature are celebrated and explained as well as the fans' presence and the far-reaching social implications of the sport...*Whole New Ballgame* is made possible by a donation from Bill Janetschek, Jr. to honor his late father. The Janetscheks have been passionate fans of baseball dating back to Bill Sr.'s first Dodgers games at Ebbets Field in the 1940s.

COOPERSTOWN CONNECTION

BEHIND THE SCENES IN 2016: With more than 40,000 artifacts, 145,000 baseball cards and three million Library pieces, the National Baseball Hall of Fame and Museum houses the most extensive collection of historic baseball-related items in the world...Coming this year, fans can get a unique look at the Cooperstown shrine with two new Hall of Fame experiences...Two new Hall of Fame programs, the Custom Tour Experience and Collection Care and Conservation Workshop, will offer behind-the-scenes access and educational opportunities for Museum visitors in the coming year...On the Custom Tour, participants will enjoy a personalized visit focusing on artifacts from their favorite club not currently on display, along with a special team-focused guided tour of the Museum. The tour will be offered for a limited-time only in January and February on Mondays through Fridays for up to four participants...Following in March is the Collection Care and Conservation Workshop, which includes spotlights on artifacts from the Museum Collection and a tour of the extensive Library Archive, along with seminars led by Hall of Fame staff members detailing how they care for these cherished baseball relics...The two-day experience also includes a private catered dinner in the iconic Plaque Gallery...For more information, please visit <http://baseballhall.org/support/give-gift-of-2016-special-experiences>, or call 607-547-0397 or email membership@baseballhall.org.

APPLICATIONS FOR CLASS OF 2016 INTERNS DUE JAN. 31: The chance to spend the summer in Cooperstown is every baseball fan's dream...For college students aspiring to land a once-in-a-lifetime summer experience in the National Baseball Hall of Fame's 2016 internship program, only a handful of weeks remain before applications are due January 31...The 2016 Frank and Peggy Steele Internship Program for Youth Leadership Development will provide students the chance to join the National Baseball Hall of Fame and Museum team in a 10-week paid summer internship, offering meaningful, hands-on training in numerous professional career fields for those who are chosen from the hundreds of applications received in Cooperstown each year...To be considered for the program, students must be enrolled in a bachelor's or master's degree program at a college or university, having completed at least their sophomore year of studies...Intern positions for 2016 are available in the following fields: Collections, Communications, Curatorial, Development, Digital Strategy, Education-Public Programs, Library Research, Licensing & Sales, Multimedia, Photo Archives and Special Events...Nineteen internships will be awarded...All applications must be completed online at www.baseballhall.org/intern...In order to complete an application, candidates must attach a cover letter and resume to the online application. Only completed applications will be reviewed for acceptance into the program...Applications must be received no later than Jan. 31, 2016...Now in its 16th year, the Frank and Peggy Steele Internship Program has welcomed nearly 300 interns in its first 16 years, equipping college students with the knowledge and experience necessary to work in their field of study.

'BHOFF BEACON' MOBILE APP GUIDES VISITORS ON HISTORY-FILLED JOURNEY TO COOPERSTOWN: The National Baseball Hall of Fame and Museum has launched a new mobile app from the Cooperstown shrine – “BHOFF Beacon” – which is now available for free in iOS through iTunes...The app provides baseball fans with an exclusive location-based mobile tool that opens users' eyes to baseball history all around them, ultimately inspiring a pilgrimage to the Hall of Fame...The app also incorporates artifacts, historic imagery and video from the Museum, spotlighting destinations throughout New York State that a Cooperstown-bound visitor might encounter along the way, such as the location of the now-shuttered Ebbets Field where Jackie Robinson made his major league debut on April 15, 1947...The app will be expanding in the coming months to spotlight destinations across America...Built by Sullivan, a top brand engagement firm, The Beacon brings to fans a living exhibit of baseball moments and places throughout the country, starting with New York State...The Beacon provides users with indicators when near an historical baseball site, showcasing pictures, video and audio to deepen the user experience...Thanks to support from Empire State Development and the I Love NY Division of Tourism, The Beacon app is the first to be released by the Baseball Hall of Fame...In the coming weeks, the self-discovery experience of The Beacon app will be complemented with additional features and content as new places and moments from across the country are continually being added.

TIME TO VISIT: The Museum resumed regular hours of 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. daily starting Labor Day... The Museum is open every day of the year, except for Thanksgiving, Christmas and New Year's Day...Ticket prices are \$23 for adults (13 and over), \$15 for seniors (65 and over) and for those holding current memberships in the VFW, Disabled American Veterans, American Legion and AMVets organizations, and \$12 for juniors (ages 7-12)...Members are always admitted free of charge and there is no charge for children 6 years of age or younger...For more information, visit our website at www.baseballhall.org or call 888-HALL-OF-FAME (888-425-5633) or 607-547-7200.