



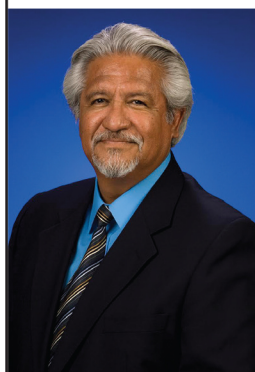
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LATINO BASEBALL HISTORY PROJECT:

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DEAN CABALLERO HITS A NATIONAL HOME RUN FOR THE LBHP



Dean Cesar Caballero

Dean Cesar Caballero of the John M. Pfau Library at California State University, San Bernardino (CSUSB), hit a homerun that takes the Latino Baseball History Project (LBHP) on a national run.

Latinos and Baseball: In the Barrios & the Big Leagues, a multi-year project, was ceremoniously pitched on Feb. 18 - 19, 2016, at the Pfau Library, in the barrio (community) of West San Bernardino, and in the Santos Manuel Student Union Event Center.

Dean Caballero expressed the significance of the partnership between the Smithsonian's National Museum of American History, the Smithsonian Latino Center and the John M. Pfau Library. "Let me start by saying that we are really excited to have this partnership with the Latino Center at the National Museum for American History, which is part of the Smithsonian Institute group of museums in Washington, D.C." Essentially, this partnership promotes the LBHP from a local, regional, and southwestern project to a national level. This is "...quite important to us because when we started this project, obviously, we didn't think we would even... reach other states so soon. We learned this project was in demand in other parts of the U.S."

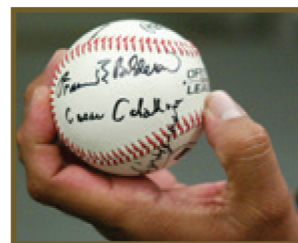
Dean Caballero explained the reasons for having this event on the CSUSB campus. "The whole purpose of having the event on campus is to launch the initiative that will lead to a collection that would be deposited at the national level at

the Smithsonian, and those artifacts, images, and oral histories will be used to put together a traveling exhibit for the national exhibition [that] would travel throughout the U.S." Also, included in the LBHP collection are several published books, with more publications expected.

The Smithsonian's national museum project directors, project coordinators and its curators have told us "... that our model is a very unique and viable model in terms of collecting and documenting Latino community history." Hence, Margaret Salazar-Porzio, a curator for the National Museum of American History, asked us if we could put together a tool-kit for other communities to replicate our model."

Dean Caballero is excited and proud that this LBHP collaboration is established as a "... community history documentation and literacy outreach event." Further, the Latinos and Baseball: In the Barrios & the Big Leagues is a national run that can facilitate a successful community outreach platform for enthusiasts across the country.

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