



I began my umpiring career when I was 15 at Great Kills Babe Ruth working the 13 and 14 year olds in-house league for \$5 a game. I remember thinking how great it would be if my partner didn't show up so I could get the entire \$10!

While attending St John's University in Queens, I met Joe DeCrescenzo who worked for the Marine Park Umpires Association in Brooklyn. It was my first taste of what real umpiring was. After graduating College, I moved back to Staten Island where Joe introduced me to Charlie Mayora, President of the Staten Island Baseball Umpires Association. As much as I thought I knew umpiring, the SIBUA showed me so much more.

In 2005, I became a member of the Met-NY College Baseball Umpiring Association (CBUA). My greatest highlight was being selected to the 5 consecutive Division III Regionals and then to the 2012 Division III College World Series in Appleton, Wisconsin.

In 2014, Charlie Mayora retired from baseball and handed over the reins to Joe and I. Joe and I have grown the group from 1 men's league and the CHSAA to what we have now. The most rewarding aspect is that every league has come to us unsolicited. They have come to us "because we hear you guys are good." And we are! And it's a testament to our training and to our membership who take this avocation so seriously.

Currently, I work 3 Division I conferences, Junior College and 3 High School groups as well as a fill-in umpire for the Atlantic League (independent AAA ball). During the off season, I work high School and Division III basketball.

Whatever time is left over is spent with my wife, daughter, son-in-law and dog.