

| Baseball | |
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| Summary | As you know, the odds of getting to the MLB are slim, but I still think you should put the effort in to see if you can play at the next level.....however, if you want to stay local.....that limits your options in all regards, baseball and school. I have prepared some ideas for you for both baseball and school in regards to the local area. Striving to get to the MLB is not a bad goal as long as you put the effort in to play at the next level, then the next, and then the next.....and don't expect to be picked up by them tommrow.....and as long as you go into it knowing the odds and you have some back up plans along the way. I think you want to take note of how much you love baseball and being around baseball and anything you pursue MUST include it for you to be happy. |
| Tools | I want you to look through the PowerPoint I am sending you called Jobs in Sports and I want you to research any of the careers that sound interesting. They are jobs in sports other than playing. You can take any college major and apply it to baseball if you try hard enough and that is what the PowerPoint shows. Even though they are not all baseball and they include other sports, substitute them as baseball in your mind. |
| Research | <p>I want you to look at this website and read REAL job descriptions from real baseball teams. You will see jobs related to sales, marketing, concessions, security, team management, field maintenance, and so much more. When you read these see what skills and degrees are needed and start taking notes of things that sounded interesting.</p> <p>https://www.teamworkonline.com/jobs-in-sports?utf8=%E2%9C%93&employment_opportunity_search%5Bquery%5D=baseball&employment_opportunity_search%5Blocation%5D%5Bname%5D=&employment_opportunity_search%5Blocation%5D%5Badministrative_division%5D=&employment_opportunity_search%5Blocation%5D%5Blatitude%5D=&employment_opportunity_search%5Blocation%5D%5Blongitude%5D=&employment_opportunity_search%5Bexclude_united_states_opportunities%5D=0&employment_opportunity_search%5Bcategory_id%5D=&commit=Search</p> <p>You mentioned that you liked reading about older baseball coaches who mentored kids and helped them get better at baseball so I thought you would find this a fun research project. Google guys from this list that played or coached baseball, they are all local to your area. Maybe you can find a way to do research on them for some school projects this year or just for fun and maybe you can see if they still live locally and may be willing to meet with you to help mentor you. You would be surprised how far a hand written letter may go to some of these guys if they are still local. Especially those that were not as famous. You can look up any of the local cities near by and get these lists of notable people.</p> <p>https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/List_of_people_from_San_Bernardino,_California</p> <p>https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Redlands,_California#Notable_people</p> |

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| <p>Google</p> | <p>Google a bunch of baseball related museums and get them on your bucket list of places to visit some day, or hopefully sooner than later. I just did a search for California baseball museum and found this baseball card museum opening this year in Fresno. I think it would be really cool to go to their site and see all the people involved in opening it, these are all real jobs out there you could have working with baseball memorabilia and I also think you should see how you can help volunteer as they are just getting up and running so an opportune time.</p> <p>http://www.americanbaseballcardmuseum.org/about.html</p> |
| <p>Classes, Colleges, Degrees, and Certification</p> | <p>Here are free classes you can take about baseball and sports to see if you like them..... Just keep hitting audit so they are free. You don't have to actually do the assignments or anything if you don't want to, you can just go through and see all the info and pick and choose what you want to learn.</p> <p>https://www.coursera.org/courses?query=sports&page=1&indices%5Btest_suggestions%5D%5Bconfigure%5D%5BhitsPerPage%5D=5&indices%5Btest_suggestions%5D%5Bpage%5D=1&indices%5Btest_degrees_keyword_only%5D%5Bconfigure%5D%5BhitsPerPage%5D=3&indices%5Btest_degrees_keyword_only%5D%5Bpage%5D=1&indices%5Btest_products%5D%5Bconfigure%5D%5BhitsPerPage%5D=20&indices%5Btest_products%5D%5Bpage%5D=1</p> <p>https://www.coursera.org/courses?query=baseball</p> |
| <p>Jobs/ internships/ volunteer work</p> | <p>1. Have you thought about applying for a job at the 66ers part time? They have everything from being an usher to taking tickets. Long term as you get older, probably 21 and you may need a guard card, you can also do security and try to blend baseball and criminal justice a bit. These are good part time jobs through college in your passion area! I would also see if you could volunteer there coordinating events maybe for the community as they do a lot of events year round. This may help you see more of the business side of things and how the community and baseball intersect. See if you can even get in just to job shadow someone for a day.</p> <p>http://www.milb.com/content/page.jsp?ymd=20110215&content_id=16646232&sid=t401&vkey=team2</p> <p>2. The western regionals are in August, I think you should go there now and see how you can get involved either working part time to set it up or working during it or volunteering at it. Even to just follow some people around for a day would be a great experience.</p> <p>https://www.littleleague.org/world-series/2018/llbws/tournaments/llb-west-regional/</p> <p>3. This may seem a bit far fetched but if this is your passion, it makes a lot of sense.....maybe see if you can find a workaway home to stay at for the week and go work at the world series in Pennsylvania. They even have spots in the museum which seems your style. I included a travel guide so you can access info about workaway which is free room and board.</p> |

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| | <p>https://www.littleleague.org/who-we-are/career-opportunities/</p> <p>4. You said that if you won the lotto you would own and manage a stadium, have you ever thought about working at the little big league stadiums?</p> <p>http://www.bigleaguedreams.com/index.php?option=com_k2&view=item&layout=item&id=19&Itemid=171</p> <p>5. At any of the colleges you go to you can get a job in rec sports as a referee, a sports league coordinator, etc. Also the city parks and recreation department and YMCA, as well as little leagues all need refs. Since you have not had a job before, I think it is very important that your first job be baseball related in some fashion. Even at a batting cage, a sports memorabilia store, etc. You can also think about offering your own kids pitching lessons for \$10-\$20 an hour. Even if you offer your services as after school child care for a family who has boys you can market it as baseball practice or baseball coaching.</p> |
| <p>Comments</p> | <p>The first thing you have to do if you want to play baseball in college is fill out the NCAA clearinghouse application. Then you need to become familiar with all the rules and regulations for contacting coaches and when you can and cannot, but it will be up to you to really reach out to our local coaches if you want to stay local and play local.</p> <p>http://www.ncaa.org/student-athletes/future</p> <p>Here are their links to submit your information to the recruiters at all the local colleges. I honestly would send info to them all and if you don't hear back, submit it again. You love baseball so you should keep playing somewhere! Now a place like a private university could ask you to come play and scholarship you, but the price of their tuition may make them still unrealistic, so you and your family have to decide what is best. If you want to keep pursuing baseball but you also want to stay local, you may not have a lot of options.</p> <p>http://cbulancers.com/sports/2014/10/3/BB_1003140902.aspx</p> <p>http://www.goredlands.com/sports/bsb/recruitForm</p> <p>http://www.barstovvikings.com/information/Viking_Recruiting_Questionnaire</p> <p>http://www.vvc.edu/academic/athletics/prospect.htm</p> <p>http://chaffeybaseball.com/contact/</p> <p>http://www.codathletics.com/Recruits/Recruit_Me_Forms</p> <p>http://www.csusbathletics.com/sb_output.aspx?form=3</p> <p>http://leopardathletics.com/prospectives/Index</p> <p>http://www.rccathletics.com/recruits/baseball</p> <p>http://www.lsgoldeneagles.com/recruiting.php</p> <p>A place like enterprise rent a car will hire you with any degree and they really like people who have played sports, are competitive and like to sell things for their management training programs. Yes you start washing cars and detailing them but you work your way up the ladder. The regional manager for Enterprise made \$400K a year and she was a CSUSB grad! Again you can major in anything.....they train you and just LOVE athletes. You cannot apply until graduation with your BA though.</p> |

Follow Up

I can give you a ton of ideas on how to integrate sports and baseball into a major or degree.....but I want you to go through the PowerPoint first and after you do, send me the 5 or 10 jobs that sound interesting and then I will map those ideas to classes at local universities you may want to take.

| Math | |
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| Summary | You said you love math. Could you do it every day? If so there are a lot of jobs you could pursue related to math and combine them with baseball. |
| Tools | Check out some calculus books and see what you think of it, I think you said you have only been to Trig. Go to Khan Academy online and try some and see what you think. You can also take free math classes on coursera |
| Classes, Colleges, Degrees, and Certifications | If you like math as much as you say, be sure to check out the certificate "Actuary" at CSUSB If you can pass a calculus level 3 test you can be an actuary and start at 60K even without a degree.....but most people take their math classes at a college in order to prepare for that test but it is optional. After about 10 years actuaries make about 240K. Actuaries actually work for life insurance companies a lot of the time and you could be an actuary that specializes in sports players. http://bulletin.csusb.edu/colleges-schools-departments/natural-sciences/mathematics/introductory-actuarial-science-certificate/ |
| | What do you think about Sports Statistics? You are good at math and enjoy it. Read the papers at the link below about baseball statistics in particular. Was it interesting? There are degrees out there in sports statistics if so. http://web.stanford.edu/class/stats50/ I am very excited to see this.....we have a local sports analytics program. I think you need to go sit in on classes, meet the professors, and see if this is of interest to you if you find the above class at Stanford of interest. You could do your general education and play at a communtiy college first and then try to get a scholarship here for baseball and major in this for your Bachelors. https://calbaptist.edu/programs/bachelor-of-science-sports-analytics/ |
| Jobs/ internships/ volunteer work | You can get a job in college tutoring college students or even kids in lower level math. There are also a lot of online places you can tutor which is a great flexible job while you are in school. |
| Comments | You can look at general math, accounting, business degrees that use math. Your mom said you may like engineering but you said you don't like science so I think you have to chat together and do more research on what engineering looks like because you could use math skills to engineer things like baseball bats, baseballs, baseball equipment etc. but if you don't like using math and science together, it would not be a good fit. If you find you would like to learn more about that I have all the links for those programs I can show you. |
| Follow Up | If you want to pursue math with science, just reach out to me.....I know a lot of good sports engineering programs but they are not local so I did not list them since the goal is to stay local. |

| Criminal Justice | |
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| Summary | Criminal Justice can look different depending on the school you go to or how you pursue it. Some are more law focused, some more enforcement focused. Others are more theory and deviance or rehabilitation focused. |
| Research | Look into different employers for criminal justice and work backwards. Would you want to work for a university police department, a school police department, a city police department, the sheriffs office, a prison, a jail, a juvenile hall, probation, in community policing, in search and rescue, for the military, in secrete service, for the CHP, etc. There are so many agencies. I would then suggest getting on their websites and starting to work backwards from real jobs you see. Do they want you to go to an academy, have a 2 year degree, have a 4 year degree, go to the military, etc. Do you want to be inside, outside, in the community, in a facility, etc.? Do you want to enforce laws, create them, rehabilitate criminals, supervise criminals, work with teens or adults, write reports, patrol, educate, prevent crime, etc. Lots to think about.....what side of criminal justice do you like? |
| Classes, Colleges, Degrees, and Certifications | <p>If you are truly interested in law enforcement I think you need to check out the explorers and get involved in them this year so you can decide if it is for you or not and what you like and dont like. Again this is just one example of what is out there but what you want to do is rule things out that you don't like at this point.</p> <p>https://sbcusd.com/district_offices/district_police/about_sbcusd_police_youth_explorer_program/</p> <p>http://wp.sbcounty.gov/sheriff/divisions/volunteer-forces/explorers/</p> |
| Jobs/ internships/ volunteer work | <p>If you decided to pursue criminal justice, I would look at jobs at sports complexes. You have to connect whatever you do to baseball or you will be very unsatisfied in your work. Even getting a part time job in security at a baseball stadium is a good first start.</p> <p>Another idea in this area is to combine criminal justice with school bullying and being a community resource officer on a school campus.</p> |
| Follow Up | Let me know if you do want to major in this and I can help you compare all the local school programs to find the best fit after you decide what branch of law enforcement you may like. |

| Bullying | |
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| Summary | This seems to be an interest area that you have and could be passionate about and even combine baseball and law enforcement with. |
| Research | Look at real jobs related to working to stop and prevent bullying. They all probably are more related to degrees like psychology, sociology, human development, child development, education, etc. Or communications, marketing, business.....but looking at these may help you see if it is something you want to look into. https://www.idealists.org/en/?q=bullying&sort=relevance&type=JOB |
| Google | Google baseball players who stand up for bullying. See if they have ways you can get involved or volunteer. OR long term work with them. Here is an example. https://www.mlb.com/news/mlb-joins-anti-bullying-platform-shred-hate/c-249747114 |
| Classes, Colleges, Degrees, and Certifications | Florida state has a research institute that is studying bully prevention in association with their school psychology program. Is something like this interesting to you? If so start looking at school psychology programs. https://education.fsu.edu/research/bullying-prevention |
| Jobs/ internships/ volunteer work | You can volunteer now to do presentations about bullying in younger grades and work with counselors to be a peer mediator. |
| Comments | I did a quick search on inland empire and bullying and did not find that much stuff so that is very sad.....maybe you can start some sort of a coalition or campaign or get more kids involved in changing things. If something like this document is interesting, you can start working on something related to this that is all kid led. If you are also not a peer mediator at your school maybe you should look into it. http://www.riversidecc.org/wp-content/uploads/2012/08/Riverside-School-Bullying-Prevention-Plan.pdf |
| Follow Up | If you want to pursue a job related to this I can help you look at local majors that may be a good fit for how you want to help stop bullying. |