



BPA WORLD SERIES KEYNOTE SPEAKERS

Mark Haley

- **Bats Right, Throws Right**
- **Height 6' 2", Weight 250 lb.**
- **School [University of Nebraska](#); Education K-12**
- **High School [Cabrillo High School \(Lompoc\)](#)**
- **Born [June 26, 1959](#) in [Torrance, CA USA](#)**



Biographical Information

Catcher Mark Haley was selected by the [Pittsburgh Pirates](#) in the 26th round of the [1977 amateur draft](#) but chose to attend college instead.

He started coaching at the [University of Nebraska](#) as an assistant from 1982-86. He also coached in the summer for the [Alaska League](#) and the [Jayhawk League](#). He then became a Recruiting Coordinator and interim Head Coach while at the [University of Tennessee](#) (1987-91)

He spent over a decade as a coach in the [Chicago White Sox](#) organization as a coach. He was a coach with the [South Bend White Sox](#) (1991-1992), [Sarasota White Sox](#) (1993), [Hickory Crawdads](#) (1994), [Venezuela League](#) (1994) [South Bend Silver Hawks](#) (1995), [Prince William Cannons](#) (1996), and [Winston-Salem Warthogs](#) (1997), where he managed for 49 games. Haley managed the [Hickory Crawdads](#) in 1998. Returning to coaching he was at Winston-Salem in 1999, 2001-2002 and the [Birmingham Barron's](#) 2003, [Great Falls White Sox](#) in 2004. Haley has been skipper of the [South Bend Silver Hawks](#) since 2005. He was named manager of the year in the Midwest League in 2005, 2008 & 2013. He was [Player development man of the year](#) for the Arizona Diamondbacks in 2005 and was the first recipient of the [Joe Garagiola Jr. Award](#) for excellence in player development for the Diamondbacks in 2008. While at the helm, his teams were able to work themselves into the play offs 8 of the 10 years and won one Midwest League Championship and three Eastern Division championships.

He currently is The Director of Training & Instruction for The South Bend Cubs Performance Center and resides in [Granger, IN](#) with his wife Ann, daughter Kelli and son John-Ross.

Steve Merriman

- **School [Central Michigan University](#)**
- **Born [July 16, 1967](#)**



Biographical Information

- 1995 Hitting coach [University of Michigan](#)
- 1996 Pitching coach [University of Toledo](#)
- 1996-1999 Bullpen catcher and bullpen practice pitcher [Detroit Tigers](#)
- 1999-2001 Head coach [Macomb Community College](#)
- 2002 Pitching coach [University of Michigan](#)
- 2002-2004 Associate scout [Colorado Rockies](#)
- 2004-2006 Pitching coach [New York Mets](#) instructional league
- 2007-09 Pitching coach [Arizona Diamondbacks](#)
- 2009-2011 Midwest area scout [Major League Scouting](#)
- 2012 Pitching coach [University of Michigan](#)
- 2013 Pitching coach [Idaho Falls Chukars](#)
- 2014 Pitching coach [Lexington Legends](#)
- 2015 Pitching coach [Colorado Rockies](#)

Steve Merriman has been a scout and pitching coach for major and minor league baseball, and he completed three stints with the Michigan baseball coaching staff. Merriman was the team's pitching coach in 2012. He was the pitching coach and recruiting coordinator in 2002, and also worked with the catchers and was responsible for the coordination of the team defense. He was the hitting coach during the 1995 season, when he also worked with the catchers and base running.

Merriman spent six seasons as the pitching coach in the New York Mets and Arizona Diamondbacks organizations. With the Mets, Merriman was the instructional league pitching coach from 2004-06 and the rehab pitching coordinator in 2006. He also served as a Major League bullpen coach during Mets spring training games and was a pitching coach for the Brooklyn Cyclones of the New York-Penn League. With Arizona, Merriman served as the pitching coach of the Missoula Osprey of the Pioneer League and worked with the team's extended spring training camp. He also spent time as an associate scout for the Colorado Rockies (2002-04) and was a bullpen catcher and bullpen practice pitcher for the Detroit Tigers (1996-99).

Merriman was the head coach of Macomb Community College in Warren, Mich., from 1999-2001, where he led the Monarchs to back-to-back regional finals, had five players picked in the Major League Baseball First-Year Player Draft and directed more than 90 percent of eligible players to four-year institutions. He also served as the pitching coach at the University of Toledo in 1996.

Merriman graduated from Central Michigan University with a bachelor's of science in education in 1991. He earned a master's of education in sports administration from Wayne State University in 1997.