

# THE ORIGINAL AMBASSADOR

# Justin Sullivan

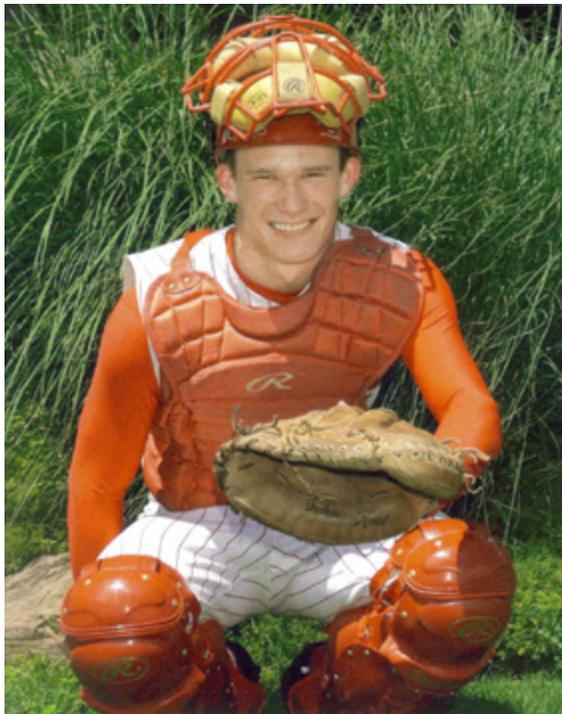
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**In life there are people who live exceptionally and set incredible examples for others to follow.**

Justin Sullivan was one of those people who lived exceptionally and his influence is continuing to make a difference years after his death.

During his time on earth, Justin was an exceptional athlete, an exceptional student and an exceptional competitor. Though these qualities enabled him to stand out, the thing that made Justin's life worth following was his exceptional walk with Jesus Christ. Justin was named Baseball Player of the Year by *The Daily Oklahoman* on June 2, 2002. The following day while driving home from work in the middle of the afternoon, he was killed when the back wheels of a semi-tractor trailer broke off the truck, crossed the center median and killed him instantly. Though his life was cut short, the message of his life and the influence of his story is still speaking loud and clear.

Since his death on that summer afternoon, Justin's story has inspired a 501(c)(3) organization which has influenced countless numbers of people all across the country and the world. Justin's life has not only inspired the book "A Life Worth Following" but it has also inspired the formation of the Ambassadors baseball ministry which is effectively impacting athletes all over the world.



The OKC Ambassadors baseball is a ministry focused on impacting the lives of athletes and future leaders by teaching them how to use their abilities on the baseball field to make a difference for the Kingdom of God. We are accomplishing this vision through our nationally and internationally

recognized baseball clinics, elite baseball teams that compete at the highest level, and mission experiences that share the message of Christ around the world.

Every time I think about the Ambassadors and consider all that God has done over the years, Ephesians 3:20 comes to my mind. That verse says: *Now to him who is able to do far more abundantly than all that we ask or think, according to the power at work within us...*

I will never forget that moment on June 3, 2002.

The moment when I was forced to confront the news that Justin had actually been killed in that sudden car accident literally one day after being named the "Baseball Player of the Year" for the State of Oklahoma.

I was in shock. I could not see what God was doing. It was a true moment of brokenness which led to a season of searching. This tragedy caused



me to work through the problem of evil, wrestle with ultimate questions and seek after the heart of God. Now, I find myself moving into the year 2020 continuing to see God move far more abundantly than I ever asked. I find myself watching God move in unmistakable and supernatural ways that I could not even imagine in that moment of brokenness.

It is amazing to consider that The Ambassadors are moving into the year 2020. We continue to see God's word and Justin's life point countless numbers of people to the saving life of Christ. Shortly, the 12th Ambassador baseball roster will be filled and

this team will travel the country using the platform of baseball helping another generation of athletes see Jesus.

The Ambassador legacy continues and you are enabling this gospel adventure to continue. God is producing a legacy of leaders literally impacting lives for eternity. Thank you for investing in a gospel focused ministry intentionally using baseball as a platform to share the gospel all over the nation. Please continue to pray that God will use His word, Justin's life, and the 2020 Ambassador baseball team to open the eyes of people who need Jesus.