**Matthew J. Souza**

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**Summary of Qualifications**

A proven motivator with a second to none work ethic enabling me to achieve success in every collegiate baseball experience, whether playing, coaching, or recruiting. Ability to create quality-mentoring relationships encouraging players to achieve success on and off the field. Effective communicator with a passion to help develop young student athletes. Effective recruiter that understands the time commitment and effort required. Able to excel in highly competitive environments. Mentored by Oscar Hirschkorn (Head Coach/Fresno Pacific University) and Shawn Gilbert (Assistant Coach/Long Beach State).

**Areas of Accomplishment**

**Coaching**

• Recruiting coordinator for Fresno Pacific University responsible for recruiting high school and junior college players

• Responsible for infielders at Fresno Pacific with a defense which led the conference in team defense in 2011 as well as 2nd in the Nation with a .974 fielding percentage. In 2012 team finished 4th in the Nation with a .970 fielding percentage

* In 2011, 4 main infielders were used resulting in 19 errors. In 2012, 5 main infielders were used resulting in 26 errors

• As base running instructor at Fresno Pacific our players stole 72 bases in 2011 and 44 in 2012

• Coached 1 two-time All Conference Infielder and 1 Conference Gold Glove award winner in two years on staff (Alec Mehrten)

* Had an infielder reach professional baseball both years on staff, Andrew Douglas (2011- Free Agent - A – Chicago White Sox) and Alec Mehrten (2012- 25th Round- Colorado Rockies)

• In first year at Fresno Pacific our team appeared in a regional as a #2 seed, finished 2nd in the conference and maintained a top 25 ranking the entire season

**Playing**

• In 2 seasons at Fresno Pacific our team appeared in 2 regionals while hosting a regional once, as well as earning a trip to the NAIA College World Series

• Throughout 2 seasons at Fresno Pacific our team maintained its top 25 ranking

• Team appointed captain for 2010 season

• Single season stolen bases and walks record holder at Fresno Pacific

• Played 2 seasons at Reedley Community College

• Named Most Valuable Player in 2007 as well as a team captain in 2007 & 2008 at Reedley College

**Management/Administration**

• Recruiting Coordinator

* 3rd base Coach

• Consulted on daily practice plans

• Responsible for infielders and areas of defensive strategy

• Responsible for base running strategy and technique

• Accountable for game-day defensive alignment for opposing hitters

* Assisted in hitting duties

**Work Experience**

***Assistant Baseball Coach***

Fresno Pacific University, California 2010-Present

Teach infield play and base running

Assists in hitting instruction

Assess talent levels of incoming players

Consult on daily practice plans

***Grounds Keeping***

Fresno Pacific University 2008-Present

Reedley Community College 2006-2008

**Education**

***Masters of Arts, Physical Education, Fresno Pacific University (IN PROGRESS)***

***Bachelors of Arts, History, Fresno Pacific University, Fresno, CA (2010)***

***Associate of Arts, Reedley Community College, Reedley, CA (2008)***