

How They Got Started

Let's look at high-ranking personnel with MLB clubs in the game today and note their positions at present compared with their first jobs in baseball. (See Figure 2.1.)

Figure 2.1

NAME – POSITION	CLUB	ENTRY-LEVEL JOB
Jean Afterman- AGM	NYN	Sports Agent
Rob Antony- AGM	MIN	Public Relations Asst., MIN
Gord Ash- VP Baseball Projects	MIL	Part-Time Game Day Staff, TOR
Al Avila- GM	DET	Asst Coach, St. Thomas Univ.
Billy Beane- PRESIDENT	OAK	Advance Scout, OAK
Jeff Bridich- GM	COL	Commissioner's Office Intern
Ned Colletti- SR. ADVISOR	LAD	Public Relations Asst., CHI
Jon Daniels- GM	TEX	Intern, COL
Theo Epstein- PRESIDENT	CHC	Public Relations Asst., BAL
Bobby Evans-GM	SF	Commissioner's Office
Derek Falvey – EVP, CBO	MIN	Intern, CLE
John Farrell- MANAGER	BOS	Pitching Coach, Ok. St. Univ.
Freddie Gonzalez- MANAGER	ATL	Grad. Asst. Coach, Univ. of Tenn.
Rick Hahn- GM	CWS	Sports Agent
John Hart- PRESIDENT	ATL	HS Baseball Coach
Neal Huntington- GM	PITT	Intern, MON
Walt Jocketty- PRESIDENT	CIN	AAA Affiliate Office Staff, Iowa Oaks
Matt Klentak- GM	PHI	Intern, COL
Tommy Lasorda- SR. ADVISOR	LAD	Area Scout, LAD
Thaddeus Levine- GM	MIN	Business Development, LAD
Joe Maddon- MANAGER	CHC	Minor League Coach, CAL
Dayton Moore- GM	KC	Asst Coach, George Mason Univ.
John Mozeliak- GM	STL	Clubhouse Staff, COL
AJ Preller- GM	SD	Intern, PHI
Mike Rizzo- GM	WASH	Asst. Baseball Coach, Univ. of Ill.
Zack Rosenthal- AGM	COL	Business Intern, BOS
David Sterns- GM	MIL	Intern, PIT
Farhan Zaidi- GM	LAD	Data Analysis, OAK

This chart tells you that your first position may not resemble the role you'll eventually attain in your career. These people didn't prioritize their starting jobs over their careers; their beginning job titles were secondary. The first jobs of these highly regarded MLB staff members helped shape their careers.

TIP: If you want a career in MLB, who cares what your first job might be? They didn't and you shouldn't!