



Matt Murton

Former Professional Baseball Player in the U.S. and Japan

Matt Murton attended Georgia Institute of Technology in Atlanta where he studied Business Management. He was a member of the Georgia Tech Yellow Jackets NCAA Division I college baseball team from 2001-2003. In 2003, he was drafted in the Supplemental First Round, 32nd overall by the Boston Red Sox. He went on to play fourteen years professionally as an outfielder; both as a member of the MLB and the NPB for the Hanshin Tigers Baseball Club from 2010-2015. He led the Chicago Cubs with a .297 batting average during the 2006 season and participated in both the MLB and NPB playoffs. He was a seven time All-Star and four time Best Nine Award Winner, NPB. He led the Central League in hits on three different occasions and was the NPB Central Division Batting Title Winner in 2014. He was the first player in league history to reach 1,000 hits within his first six seasons as a member of the NPB. In 2010, he broke the NPB's single season hit record with 214 hits, previously held by Ichiro Suzuki, and currently held by Shogo Akiyama, 216 hits. After completing his playing career in 2017, he works with various nonprofit organizations within Japan as he looks to further strengthen the U.S.-Japan relationship by giving back to a community and culture that has so richly blessed his family. The establishment of his own nonprofit organization within Japan is expected to be completed in 2020.