



Candy Maldonado

Candy is a multi-disciplined and accomplished motivational speaker, sports broadcaster, baseball General Manager, acclaimed former Major League baseball player and humanitarian.

Throughout a 15 year MLB career, Candy played in eight post-season series with three different teams including the 1992 World Series Champion Toronto Blue Jays. A right-handed outfielder, nicknamed Candyman, Candy made his major league debut with the Los Angeles Dodgers (1981-1985) before moving to the San Francisco Giants (1986-1989).

He was a key player for the Giants success in the late 1980's on the teams that won the 1987 NL West and the 1989 NL Championship. He was voted the team's MVP in 1986.

On May 4, 1987, Maldonado became only the 16th player in San Francisco Giants franchise history to hit for the cycle -- the first Major League ballplayer from Puerto Rico to accomplish this extraordinary achievement. Candy also played for the Cleveland Indians (1991 Team MVP), Milwaukee Brewers, Toronto Blue Jays (1992), Chicago Cubs and the Texas Rangers. In the '92 World Series, he had the walk-off hit, giving the Jays the win in the first World Series game ever played outside of the U.S. His playing career ended after the 1995 season.

In 2011, Candy was inducted into the Caribbean Baseball Hall of fame as well as the Puerto Rico Baseball Hall of Fame.

Maldonado is acknowledged as a high-impact inspirational speaker and coach who drives workforce engagement by instilling a strong sense of self-confidence and a high-performance culture. As a former highly competitive professional athlete, coach and broadcaster, he embodies a genuine passion that underscores the value of teamwork and the importance of creating a "win-win" environment for all participants.

He is skilled helping organizations "unleash their potential" and achieve their strategic goals through the mentoring and enrichment of their most vital resource -- people. Candy communicates with the same level of intensity, passion and toughness which he exhibited as a power-hitting outfielder. His inspiring message is strategically intended to re-energize and impact people intellectually and constructively by correlating real world organizational activities to the many challenges he successfully overcame as an ESPN sports analyst and World Series champ. His delivery captivates and galvanizes and audience with an authentic spirit that fosters a collaborative team-building atmosphere. His message can be delivered in English and Spanish.

