

Former Astros Pitcher John Hudek to Oversee Emery/Weiner Baseball Program

HOUSTON, August 26, 2010. . . The Emery/Weiner School is pleased to announce that former Major League pitcher John Hudek has been hired to run the school's baseball program and serve as its varsity coach. Hudek, who spent the first four years of his Major League career with the Houston Astros, brings a wealth of experience to his new role as head of the Jaguars' baseball program.

"I'm excited to have been selected to oversee the baseball program at Emery/Weiner," Hudek said. "I see this as an opportunity to build it into a competitive and respectable program. I have dedicated most of my life to playing, teaching, and coaching the game of baseball. I am looking forward to sharing my knowledge of the game with these young men."

Hudek, the 1994 All-Star and runner-up for the National League Rookie of the Year Award, previously served as manager and pitching coach for the Fort Bend Texans since 2001. From 2001 – 2008, he also owned and operated John Hudek's All-Star Baseball Academy in Sugar Land.

"With more than 20 years of playing and coaching experience, Mr. Hudek will be a very valuable and welcome addition to the EWS community," said Angie Gubitz, Emery/Weiner Director of Athletics. "From his decorated collegiate and professional baseball career, including four years with the Houston Astros, as well as being named to the National League All-Star team, to his private and team coaching experience with John Hudek's All-Star Baseball Academy, Fort Bend Texans select baseball organization, and Bellaire High School baseball, Mr. Hudek is someone that our young men will be able to learn a great deal from on the baseball diamond and in life."

Hudek, 44, spent six seasons in the Major Leagues with Houston, Cincinnati, the New York Mets, Atlanta, and Toronto. During that time, he compiled a 4.43 earned run average with 29 saves in 201.1 innings pitched.