

St. Frances dedicates cage to late Major Leaguer from Maryland

St. Frances Academy in Baltimore hosted a Sept. 17 dedication and unveiling of a banner for the Nick Adenhardt Memorial Batting Cage. The Panthers baseball program received a much-needed donation from the Nick Adenhardt Foundation in order to erect the cage. The foundation is named after the Maryland native and former Los Angeles Angels starting pitcher, who died at the age of 22 in 2009 when his car was hit by a drunk driver in California. The Angels were in Baltimore to play the Orioles the weekend of the dedication.

Adenhardt attended St. Maria Goretti High School before transferring to Williamsport High School. Many of his family members were parishioners of St. Augustine in Williamsport.

The foundation named in Adenhardt's memory awarded the gift to St. Frances in the spring of 2010, after hearing of the team's need.

"The gift was very much appreciated and couldn't have come at a better time," Head Coach Brian Boles said. "Every year is a difficult challenge to obtain resources from alternative sources to support the baseball program."