

## **JOSE ALVAREZ**

Born in Tampa, Florida, Jose attended the University of Louisiana-Lafayette, *The Ragin Cajuns*. In 1978 he broke most of Cajun pitching records (3 still remain today), was drafted by the Atlanta Braves in the 8th round, and began a career in professional baseball.

Although he made an appearance in the majors in 1981, he became the 4th oldest rookie in baseball history in 1988 when he refused to quit and earned a promotion back to the major leagues with the Atlanta Braves at age 32.

That same year he was voted the Atlanta Braves *Most Outstanding Pitcher*. He retired May 1, 1995 after 16 years in professional baseball with parts of 5 seasons in the major leagues sporting a lifetime ERA of 2.99 ERA and a .273 batting average.

Jose has coached high school baseball, travel baseball, and provided private instruction for high school, college, and professional pitchers for over 30 years. He has a unique way of encouraging others to reach their goals, exceed their abilities, and perform with excellence. His humor, stories, and encouragement make him a highly sought after motivational speaker. He was presented with the Howard Hendricks President's Award, in honor of Dr. Howard Hendricks by FamilyLife.

He has appeared on The Golf Channel with Jerry Foltz and Brian Mogg on "Your Game Night" in 2006. During that year of competition, he began reaching out to help young professionals in the journey of life and tour golf. Jose has mentored young aspiring golfers on the Web.com Tour since 2007 with FCA Golf. He has 1 professional golf tournament victory on the Carolina Mountain Tour in 2007 and won the 2018 BMW Charity Pro Am Low Celeb Champion.



He and his wife Michelle have been married for 37 years and speak in FamilyLife marriage conferences around the country. They have made their home in Greenville, South Carolina since 1986. They have 3 adult children, two are married, and they are grandparents to little girls named Carolina and Lucy and grandsons named Shepherd and Arnie.

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LED BRAVES IN EARNED RUN AVERAGE 2.86 IN 1989
LIFETIME BATTING AVERAGE .273
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