



## Al Oliver

“Scoop”, as he was affectionately known in Pittsburgh, had an outstanding career in Major League Baseball. He was named to the All Rookie Team in 1969, won a World Series Championship in 1971 with the Pittsburgh Pirates and later won the 1982 National League Batting Championship with the Montreal Expos. His statistical numbers also speak of the tremendous talent Al possessed on the ball diamond. He was the first player in modern history of the game to bat .300, amass 200 hits and 100 Runs Batted In in one season in both the National and American Leagues. He batted .300 or more in an astonishing 9 consecutive seasons and 11 times in his career. He was a seven time all-star who collected 2,743 career hits, the second most of any eligible player who is not in the Hall of Fame. He also has a lifetime batting average of .303 and totaled 1,326 RBI's. There is a strong possibility that these incredible statistics could lead Al into the Hall of Fame some day.

As talented as Al was in a baseball uniform, he is even more talented as a motivational speaker. Al is a supremely confident man who has strong views on the state of our world and the moral decay that is occurring. He speaks out strongly regarding issues such as violence in our schools, the role of parents in the lives of their children and the need for positive role models in the home. Al has a very positive outlook on life and his enthusiasm is contagious with his audience.

Al has a mellifluous voice that commands the listener's attention. In addition, his impressive physical presence helps him capture the audience's full attention. He has been honoured by delivering the eulogy at the funeral of his dear friend and former teammate, Willie Stargell. He also delivered a stirring memorial in Pittsburgh again for his friend, Stargell. On the basis of this, the President of the National Baseball Hall of Fame, Dale Petrosky, asked Al to deliver the invocation at the 2001 Hall of Fame Induction Ceremonies, a tremendous honour. Al responded with style, dignity and honour.

Al Oliver – future Hall of Fame member, line drive hitter and motivational speaker.