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Buster Posey has won this year’s Lou Gehrig Memorial Award, sponsored by the Phi Delta Theta International Fraternity, headquartered in Oxford, OH. Phi Delta Theta presents the award annually to a Major League Baseball player who best exemplifies the giving character of Hall of Famer Lou Gehrig, a member of the Fraternity’s Columbia University chapter. The award was first presented in 1955 and is permanently maintained at the National Baseball Hall of Fame and Museum in Cooperstown. Posey is the second member of the Giants to win the Lou Gehrig Memorial Award: Barry Zito (2012). Phi Delta Theta plans to present the award to Posey during the early months of the 2021 Major League Baseball season.

BEYOND THE GIANTS VAULT

House in a 5,000 square foot building, the Giants Archives consists of memorabilia and artifacts from our team’s 138-year history. As part of the Giants Fan Page, fans can now, for the first time, learn about and view memorabilia from our collection.

After winning their first National League pennant in 27 years, the 1989 Giants ignited the championship flame in San Francisco that glows to this day.

Giants fans remember the 1989 World Series as the “Earthquake Series”, but it was historic for other reasons as well. 1989 was the first time the San Francisco Giants played the Oakland Athletics for the crown, but the franchises did meet three other times when they were in New York and Philadelphia, with the Giants winning the first series in 1905, but the As taking the final two in 1911 and 1913. It was the fourth time two teams from the same area (not in New York) played each other and unfortunately for San Francisco, it is also one of only four series since 1903 where the winning team never trailed in a game.

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GIANTS BIRTHDAYS THIS WEEK

Wilmer Flores (29)
August 6

GIANTS YOUTUBE CONTENT

Conversación Gigante: Wilmer Flores
Watch Beginning Wednesday, August 5

This week in Conversación Gigante we will have the opportunity to talk and get to know the newest member of your Giants, Wilmer Flores. Flores signed his first professional contract on his 16th birthday, August 6, 2007, and then made his Major League debut six years later on his birthday, August 6, 2013! Don’t miss this episode.

GIANTS COACH SPOTLIGHT | KAI CORREA

Kai was a serious student, but his homework arrived on the teacher’s desk smudged with dirt from the dugout. He loved baseball. When he had to write an essay about what he wanted to be when he grew up, the answer was obvious: baseball coach.

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After graduation, Correa wasn’t ready to dive into graduate school so he signed on as an assistant coach at Puget Sound. He stayed four years, falling deeper in love every day not only with teaching skills but with mentoring, motivating, explaining, organizing. He left in 2015 for Division I University of Northern Colorado, rising from a volunteer assistant to head assistant in less than three years. Along the way he worked for USA Baseball as an infield instructor.

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