

BUYING IN TO CHANGE - REACH YOUR GOALS

2016 baseball season will be filled with more excitement than the 2015 campaign was. In one year of being the Division One National Coordinator, George Drouches has made an impact. It is plain to see that with his leadership D-1 baseball and all of college baseball is in good hands.

We have all seen or felt many changes. There will continue to be more, for the betterment of the game. Giving opportunity to the umpires who deserve it is very important to college baseball. The big part is for all umpires to **buy in** to what college baseball umpiring is becoming. The challenge is yours. As we all know, "life is full of choices." Buying in has to come from you and only you. The choice is yours to succeed.

Meeting the high standards in all areas will be your challenge. We have heard for years and time and time again. "Be a good partner", "proper mechanics", "know the rules", "focus", "consistency", etc, etc ,etc.... This is your job! These are the expectations! Strive for excellence!

All umpires need to reflect on areas of improvement from the previous year. Be aware of them and work to improve your skill. Get noticed for all the right reasons. There is no entitlement in college baseball. Improvement, hard work and consistency will help you reach your goals. We need to have all

umpires improve every year and not be complacent in their performance.

Lastly don't compare yourself to other umpires, or think you are better than the other umpires. Ask yourself. What can I do, for me, to improve my game. The choice is yours.

Have a great season. Be the best you can be at all times.

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