

Family Ties
A Compilation of Baseball's Relatives
2021 MLB Drafted Players

About the Family Ties List

Who's included in the list

- College and high school players who were drafted by a Major League Baseball team in 2021 and have a relative currently or formerly in professional baseball.

Other notes about the contents of the list

- Current major leaguers in 2021 are in green-colored font.
- Former major leaguers prior to 2021 are in red-colored font.
- Players in black font have not played in the major leagues.
- For each drafted player, the draft organization and round are displayed.
- 2021 MLB Appearance and 2021 MiLB Appearance columns are used to indicate whether drafted players played in the major and/or minor leagues during 2021 (Y=Yes).
- Relative's Last Org and Relative's Last Year columns refer to playing careers only. They may indicate a minor league season, if in fact the player finished his career in the minors.
- When an asterisk appears with the year in the Relative's Last Year as a Player column, it indicates the MLB draft year of the relative, but he did not actually sign with the organization that year.
- In some cases, a relative was not a player, in which case the Non-Player's role, level and organization are shown. Non-players refer to managers, coaches, scouts, owners, executives, umpires, broadcasters, front office and other.
- Relative's Pro Level as Non-Player values are MLB (majors) or MiLB (minors).

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For more information about Family Ties

Richard Cuicchi's book, *Family Ties: A Comprehensive Collection of Facts and Trivia About Baseball's Relatives*, (<http://thetenthinning.com/booksreviews.html>) compiled over 3,500 players, coaches, managers, scouts, executives, owners, broadcasters, and umpires who had family relationships in baseball through 2011.

"Baseball's Relatives" (<http://baseballrelatives.wordpress.com/>) is a website specifically devoted to emerging stories, new compilations, and expert commentary about the many family ties in baseball. It extends the **Family Ties** book with annually updated information (currently over 8,000 entries). The site is sponsored by TheTenthInning.com.

The 2021 MLB Drafted Players List (<https://baseballrelatives.wordpress.com/family-ties-2021-season/>) can be found on the **"Baseball's Relatives"** website.

Errors and Omissions

Please contact Richard A. Cuicchi at richard@thetenthinning.com for any errors or omissions in this list.

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	Player's Last Name	Player's First Name	Last Draft Team	Last Draft Round	2021 MLB Appearance	2021 MiLB Appearance	Relationship with relative	Relative's Last Name	Relative's First Name	Last Org as Player	Last Year as Player	Current Pro Level	Current Pro Org	Current Role
1	Baker	Darren	Nationals	10		Y	Son	Baker	Dusty	A's	1986	MLB	Astros	Manager
2	Beck	Brendan	Yankees	2			Brother	Beck	Tristan	Giants	2021			
3	Bednar	Will	Giants	1		Y	Brother	Bednar	David	Pirates	2021			
4	Clarke	Denzel	A's	4		Y	Cousin	Bo	Naylor	Indians	2021			
			A's	4		Y	Cousin	Naylor	Josh	Indians	2021			
5	Leiter	Jack	Yankees	1			Son	Leiter	Al	Yankees	2005	MLB	Mets	Advisor
			Yankees	1			Cousin	Leiter	Mark Jr.	Tigers	2021			
			Yankees	1			Nephew	Leiter	Kurt	Unaffiliated	1986			
			Yankees	1			Nephew	Leiter	Mark	Ind. League	2002			
6	Mack	Joe	Marlins	3		Y	Brother	Mack	Charles	Twins	2021			
7	MacLeod	Christian	Twins	5		Y	Son	MacLeod	Kevin	Cardinals	1990			
8	McGuire	Shane	A's	9		Y	Brother	McGuire	Reese	Blue Jays	2021			
9	Miller	Noah	Twins	1		Y	Brother	Miller	Owen	Indians	2021			
10	Neuse	Dylan	Twins	17			Brother	Neuse	Sheldon	Dodgers	2021			
11	Optiz	Casey	Cubs	8		Y	Brother	Optiz	Jake	Ind. League	2015			
			Cubs	8		Y	Brother	Optiz	Shane	Ind. League	2019			
12	Raabe	Zack	Brewers	8		Y	Son	Raabe	Brian	Yankees	1999			
13	Ricciardi	Mariano	A's	18		Y	Son	Ricciardi	J. P.	Mets	1981	MLB	Giants	Senior Advisor
			A's	18		Y	Brother	Ricciardi	Dante	Mariners	2015*	MLB	Red Sox	Scout
14	Sirota	Michael	Dodgers	16			Great Nephew	Ford	Whitey	Yankees	1967	MLB		Coach
15	Vernon	Austin	Rays	10		Y	Brother	Vernon	Andrew	Ind. League	2019			
16	Wagner	Will	Astros	18		Y	Son	Wagner	Billy	Braves	2010			
17	Widger	C.J.	Rangers	10			Son	Widger	Chris	Ind. League	2014			
18	Williams	Cam	Royals	19		Y	Son	Williams	Reggie	Mexican Lea.	1991			