William Michael “Mike” Stanton

High School

William Michael “Mike” Stanton may be one of the most renowned baseball players to graduate from Midland High School. Active in football, track, and baseball during his years at MHS (1981-85), Stanton interestingly never pitched for the Dawgs. His first pitching appearance would come later in his college career. While at MHS, he was chosen as an All District Outfielder – Varsity for the 1984-85 season. He was also selected to the 1984 Tournament of Champions All-Tournament Team.

College and Professional

Stanton’s budding high school career was nothing in comparison to the professional baseball career he would lead. While attending Alvin College in Alvin, Texas, Stanton pitched a no-hitter in 1987, forcing Major League Baseball scouts to take notice of him. That same year, he was drafted by the Atlanta Braves, where he made his major league debut. He went on to play for the Braves, Boston Red Sox, Texas Rangers, New York Yankees, and New York Mets. He pitched for the Yankees for seven seasons (1997-2002), and was selected as an American League All Star in 2001. He played in twelve straight post-seasons from 1991 to 2002 and played in six World Series. He owns four World Series Championship rings and three League Championship rings. Stanton remains second in Major League Baseball history in pitching appearances with 1,178 games.