



**Name:** Joseph John Ausanio

**Years:** December 9, 1965 to Present

**Residence:** Marlboro, New York

**Brief Biography:** Joe Ausanio was born on December 9, 1965 in Kingston. Ausanio attended Jacksonville University from 1984 through 1988 where he studied Physical Education and Recreation and joined the school baseball team. Ausanio is the all time leader at Jacksonville University in saves and appearances.

Ausanio pitched for nine years in professional baseball for five different organizations from 1988-1997. He was first drafted by the Atlanta Braves in the 30th round of the 1984 free agent draft. In 1988, he was drafted by the Pittsburgh Pirates in the 11th round of the free agent draft. In June 1988, he signed with the Pirates and

remained in the organization from 1988-1992. Joe received his Major League debut in 1994 when the New York Yankees selected Ausanio and he got the opportunity to pitch in the major leagues for his home state team for two seasons. He had a 4 and 1 record with a 5.57 ERA and 51 strikeouts. Ausanio then signed with the New York Mets in 1996 before finishing his career with the Colorado Rockies in 1997. Recently, the New York Yankees have contacted Ausanio to throw knuckleball batting practice before facing Boston Red Sox knuckleballer Tim Wakefield. Ausanio played with Wakefield while with the Pittsburgh Pirates organization from 1988 through 1992.

Currently Ausanio is the director of sales for the Hudson Valley Renegades and the head softball coach for the Marist College Red Foxes in Poughkeepsie. Joe currently resides in Marlboro with his family.

**Major Accomplishments:** Head Coach of Marist Softball team, MLB relief pitcher from 1994 to 1995 for the New York Yankees, Director of Sales for the Hudson Valley Renegades

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