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(Washington, DC) – The board of directors of **DC Grays Baseball** is excited to officially announce the hiring of Reggie Terry as the new Manager for the DC Grays, Washington’s summer college baseball team that plays in the Cal Ripken Collegiate Baseball League.

Terry assumes the top coaching spot after three years as an assistant coach for Bethesda Big Train, one of the top franchises in the Ripken League. He replaces Arlan Freeman, who skippered the Grays since the first year in the Ripken League in 2012.

“I saw this as a great opportunity to join a quality organization with a mission to re-energize baseball in Washington, D.C.,” said Terry, speaking specifically about the Grays stated mission to be “ambassadors for baseball” in Washington, DC. “I want to be a part of positive change inside and out of the game of baseball at all levels.” A native of the DC region, Terry currently serves as an assistant coach at Woodbridge High School (Woodbridge, VA) and brings a great deal of experience both as a coach and as a player at Norfolk State University, and from his years playing professionally in the Texas Rangers organization.

Named for the famed Negro League champion Homestead Grays, the DC Grays have a mission to support inner-city baseball in Washington, DC and to support new baseball opportunities for DC kids. The Grays also actively recruit top black ballplayers from around the country, and these ballplayers serve as mentors and role models for kids from the DC area that participate in free baseball clinics that the Grays host at the team’s home field – the state of the art Washington Nationals Youth Baseball Academy in Fort DuPont.

“I believe in the mission of the DC Grays, and I want our players to be role models for young kids from all over DC,” said Terry. “I also want to build a championship team in the Ripken League and to provide a first-class baseball experience for our players to grow and improve every day.”

In addition to Terry, the organization welcomes back assistant coaches Jimmy Williams and Andrew Smith, who both have been on the Grays staff for two seasons. Williams, a longtime fixture in DC baseball circles, is currently an assistant coach at Prince George’s Community College, and Smith is an assistant coach at Hayfield High School in Alexandria.

The Grays are excited to add a fourth member of the staff for 2015. Chris Nee, a recent graduate of Catholic University, comes on board a pitching coach. Nee played for the Grays in 2012 and 2013. Last season he served as a volunteer assistant coach for the Grays and is currently an assistant coach with the Catholic University baseball team.

“I am excited to have four guys on the Grays staff that have years of coaching experience in the Ripken League,” said General Manager Antonio Scott. “They know what it takes. I believe this group will work well together and produce a not only a positive experience for our players, but also a winning team for our fans.”

The DC Grays play in the **Cal Ripken Collegiate Baseball League (CRCBL)** (www.calripkenleague.org), is an elite wooden bat summer league made up of collegiate players from top programs from all over the country. The league consists of organizations in the **Baltimore/Washington, D.C.** metropolitan area. The teams in the CRCBL are the Alexandria Aces, Baltimore Dodgers, Baltimore Redbirds, Bethesda Big Train, D.C. Grays, Gaithersburg Giants, Herndon Braves, Rockville Express, Silver Spring-Takoma Thunderbolts, and Vienna Riverdogs.

The Grays play their home games at **The Washington Nationals Youth Baseball Academy** (<http://www.dcgrays.com/nationals-youth-baseball-academy>), located at 3675 Ely Place SE, Washington, DC 20019.

Keep up with the DC Grays daily! Fans can visit the team's website at <http://www.dcgrays.com>, or follow the club on **Facebook** at <https://www.facebook.com/DcGrays>, and on **Twitter** (@DCGrays).