

# Chris Valaika

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## Fast Facts

**Favorite Soda:**  
Pepper  
**Birth Day:**  
August 14, 1985  
**Best Gift Received:**  
Younger sister

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## 2003 HART BASEBALL

**How long have you been playing baseball?**  
I have been playing for thirteen years.

**What position do you play, and what positions have you played?**  
Shortstop, but I've played second base.

**Why do you enjoy baseball so much?**  
I enjoy baseball because I've grown up playing it and it's my dream to play baseball as a profession.

**If you could live the life of any major baseball player who would it be and why?**  
It would be Alex Rodriguez, because he is the best player in the majors and he has the most money.

**What do you think of the baseball program?**  
Hart has a tradition of having a quality program and the players try to keep that tradition alive.

**Have you ever thought of quitting the sport? Why or why not?**  
Never. I've never quit anything.

**Have you ever had team problems? How did you deal with them?**  
Yes, but the team has team meetings and talks about their problems. Also, what's said on the field stays on the field.



**Varsity Baseball:** Front Row: N. Maddox, T. Wilson, P. Howard, C. Valancius Row Two: S. Sanchez, S. Carlson, S. Susdorf, B. Edwards, K. Boggio, C. Valaika Back Row: Coach De La Maza, Coach Hernandez, I. Feldman, J. Iniguez, D. Williams, T. Fick, C. Smith, K. Guerrero, Coach Ozella

LEFT: Senior Keith Guerrero makes it safely to the base.

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