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**FORMER MAJOR LEAGUER, ABBOTT, TO SPEAK AT FEA CONFERENCE**

***Jim Abbot, baseball player, author, motivational speaker and advocate for people with disabilities to address group of 1200 middle and high school students interested in becoming teachers***

*Adjustability, Determination, Accountability, Perseverance, Trust* -- No one knows these topics better than pro ball player, Jim Abbott. Abbott, who was born without a right hand, was an All-America hurler at the University of Michigan, won the Sullivan Award in 1987, pitched for the Gold Medal Olympic Team in 1988; and threw a 4-0 no-hitter for the New York Yankees versus Cleveland (Sept. 4, 1993). He played for 10 seasons on four different MLB teams, ending his career in 1999. Since then, Abbott has worked with the Department of Labor's Office of Disability Employment Policy (ODEP) on several initiatives encouraging businesses to hire people with disabilities. And it's this can-do attitude he plans to pass on to the young attendees at the **Future Educators Association national conference April 26 – 28 in Orlando, Florida**. Competitions, break-out sessions, a trip to Universal Studios and ample opportunities to network round out the weekend event.

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