

Pete Frates, former captain of the Boston College baseball team and professional baseball player in Europe, Pete Frates was diagnosed with ALS in March of 2012, at the age of 27.

Pete grew up in Beverly and attended St. John's Preparatory School, class of 2003 and Boston College, class of 2007. At St. John's Prep Pete was a 4 year member of the football, hockey and baseball teams, a school leader and honor roll student.

In November 2012 Pete was inducted into the St. John's Preparatory School Hall of Fame for excelling in 3 varsity sports. Pete's number 3 was the second number to be retired in the BC Baseball program history in May 2016.

On the day he was diagnosed, Pete did what inspiring leaders do; he articulated a bold vision and began to assemble a team to rally around the vision. Pete believes his calling is to rally a generation to 'Strike Out ALS'. Pete immediately began advocacy and fundraising work for ALS. This sparked a movement called the "Ice Bucket Challenge", promoting awareness of ALS. This became a social media phenomenon, raising more than 100 million dollars in donations for the ALS Association in one summer.

For his fundraising and advocacy work towards the disease, he has received countless accolades through the years, including the Stephen Heywood Patients Today Award and was named "Inspiration of the Year" by Sports Illustrated. The Boston Red Sox signed Pete to a contract in April of 2015.

Since the diagnosis, Pete has taken an active role in raising awareness and funds for ALS research.

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