

Orioles name Mark Elias as new general manager

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BALTIMORE - The Orioles today announced that MIKE ELIAS has been named the club's next Executive Vice President and General Manager. Elias will oversee all baseball operations for the club and have full autonomy to build his staff and make decisions on all baseball matters that he believes will make the Orioles successful on the field, entertaining to fans, and impactful in the community.

Elias just completed his 12th season in Major League Baseball, most recently serving as Assistant General Manager, Player Acquisition with the Houston Astros. Throughout his seven years in Houston, he helped to shape an Astros roster that produced back-to-back 100 win seasons, a World Series Championship, two American League Championship Series appearances, and two division titles. He was also an integral part of building one of baseball's top-ranked farm systems that routinely served to graduate talent to the Major League club.

Elias joined the Astros in 2012 as a special assistant to the General Manager and was a key contributor to Houston's top-ranked First-Year Player Draft by Baseball America. That year, he was named the club's Director of Amateur Scouting, a role in which he served as one of the organization's top talent evaluators. In 2016, he was promoted to Assistant General Manager, Scouting and Player Development, overseeing multiple facets of baseball operations, including player development, minor league operations, and the draft. Additionally, he has led domestic and international scouting efforts for the club since 2017.

Prior to joining the Astros, Elias spent five seasons with the St. Louis Cardinals, the last two years as the club's Manager of Amateur Scouting. During his time with the Cardinals, he signed and scouted many Major League players and contributed to the development of the scouting department and draft process. His professional career began as an amateur scout for the Cardinals in 2007.

Elias, 35, is a native of Alexandria, Va., where he attended Thomas Jefferson High School. A 2006 graduate of Yale University, he was a four-time letter winner as a left-handed pitcher for the Bulldogs baseball team.

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