

## Suns name Johnson assistant GM

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Mandalay Baseball Properties, owner of the Hagerstown Suns, promoted C.J. Johnson to Assistant General Manager.

Previously the team's Senior Director of Marketing, Johnson will take on additional administrative responsibilities.

Johnson has worked with the Suns the past four seasons, beginning as an intern and earning a promotion to Director, Marketing and then Senior Director, Marketing. The LaVale, Md. native is a graduate of West Virginia University.

"I'm looking forward to building on the successful foundation we have laid over the past five years," said Johnson. "We don't draw 150,000 baseball fans, we draw 150,000 Suns fans, and that really sets us apart from other teams."

"Through our four years of working together, C.J. has proved to be invaluable. I look forward to working more closely with him as we begin our affiliation with the Washington Nationals and truly congratulate him on his promotion," said Suns General Manager Will Smith.

Smith was recently promoted to General Manager when Kurt Landes left the team for another opportunity. On Wednesday, it was announced that Landes was named the General Manager of the Triple-A baseball team headed for the Lehigh Valley.

Landes left the Suns in September after completing his fifth season. The Lehigh Valley team will open a new ballpark in Allentown, Pa. in 2008.

The Hagerstown Suns of the South Atlantic League are the new Class A affiliate of the Washington Nationals and are owned by Los Angeles based Mandalay Baseball Properties. Ticket packages, group information, and sponsorships are available by calling 301.791.6266 or by visiting the Suns at [www.hagerstownsuns.com](http://www.hagerstownsuns.com).