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Student-Athletes Honored with 2017 Tartar Athletics Awards

Sophomores Jayvon Brown and Olga Pardo took top honors at the annual Tartar Athletics Awards Banquet in early June. The end-of-the-year celebration commemorated the achievements of student-athletes at Compton College over the course of past year.

Brown, the South Coast Conference South Division Men's Basketball Player of the Year and CCCAA February Athlete of the Month, earned Male Sophomore of the Year honors, while Pardo was named the Female Sophomore of the Year after earning her second-straight state championship appearance in badminton.

Men's basketball's Anthony Fitzpatrick earned the Male Performance of the Year after scoring the buzzer-beating basket at Cerritos to keep an 11-game winning streak alive of an eventual 15 game streak.

Softball's Marlene Rodriguez won Female Rookie of the Year after being one of three athletes that appeared in all 36 games this season. She led the team on both sides of the ball, pitching 25 complete games on 30 appearances in the circle, and hitting a team high .410 batting average with 14 doubles and 21 RBI.

The spring sports also garnered awards during the annual recognition event. Softball's Crystal Montalvo and baseball's Trinidad Romero were honored for demonstrating a team-first attitude, showing heart, spirit, dedication and a positive attitude. They were recognized for best exemplifying the spirit of Tartar Athletics.

Athletic academic counselor Shay Brown was the recipient of the Special Recognition Award, presented to an individual from campus or the community that demonstrates interest, support, and significant contribution to the Tartar Athletics program.

The night was rounded out by honoring men's basketball's Kyvonte Davis, who last season led the Tartars as one of the team captains. Interestingly, Davis never played high school basketball and commuted approximately 80 miles one-way per day from Palmdale to Compton. He was released by a few schools during his journey to eventually play for Coach Higgins and now has signed with Holy Names University in Oakland.

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The student athletes had much to celebrate in 2016-17, and the Tartar Athletics program is looking forward to an even better 2017-18.

2017 Tartar Athletics Award Winners:

Scholar-Athletes

Xavier Jones, Football
Kevin Gutierrez, Men's Soccer
Xochitl Briseno, Women's Soccer
Michael Chavers, Men's Basketball
Jona'e Urabe, Women's Basketball
Adrian Poot, Baseball
Teresa Meza, Softball
Olga Pardo, Badminton

Rookie of the Year

Marlene Rodriguez, Softball
Adrian Veliz, Men's Soccer

Sophomore of the Year

Olga Pardo, Badminton
Jayvon Brown, Men's Basketball

Performance of the Year

Jocelyn Jimenez, Women's Soccer
Anthony Fitzpatrick, Men's Basketball

Team Jokesters

Joy Aguilar, Softball/Women's Basketball
Michael Chavers, Men's Basketball
Calvin House, Men's Basketball

Tartar Award

Crystal Montalvo, Softball
Trinidad Romero, Baseball

Special Recognition Award

Shay Brown, Athletic Counselor

Most Inspirational Award

Kyvonte Davis, Men's Basketball

About Compton College

Compton College is the community's education solution offering a full complement of transfer and degree courses, as well as career and technical education. Students may earn an associate degree or certificate, transfer to a four-year university or train for a career. Compton College is located at 1111 E. Artesia Boulevard, Compton, CA 90221.

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Baseball player Trinidad Romero and softball player Crystal Montalvo received the Tartar Award at the 2017 Tartar Athletics Banquet. The award honors a male and female student-athlete best exemplifying Tartar Athletics by demonstrating a team-first attitude, showing heart, spirit, dedication and a positive attitude.