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El Camino College Compton Center Baseball Player Alfredo Lopez Signs With Florida Marlins

Rounding out one of the most successful seasons in the history of El Camino College Compton Center baseball, sophomore shortstop Alfredo Lopez recently signed with the Florida Marlins and will begin his professional baseball career next week.

This year, Lopez was also selected El Camino College Compton Center's first All-American baseball player. In addition, he was named to the 2010 All State First Team and was the 2010 Southern California Rawlings Big Stick Award winner. Lopez batted .414 on the season and had 31 stolen bases to lead the Tartars into the post-season. In addition he was accorded 2010 All South Coast Conference First Team honors, after being picked for the 2nd team in 2009. In addition, Lopez recently received a May 2010 Athlete of the Month Honorable Mention by the California Community College Athletic Association (CCCAA). His stats over the last two seasons include: .387 batting average (137 for 354), 77 stolen bases, 85 runs scored, and 54 RBI's as the Tartar's lead-off hitter.

The Tartar baseball team ended the year just short of the state championships after being eliminated by Santa Ana College in the Southern California regionals in May. Head Coach Shannon Williams is pleased with the program's progress. In his eight years as ECC Compton Center's baseball coach, the program has gone from one victory to a 22-17 record and second-place finish in the South Coast Conference this season.

"We want this to be a place where student-athletes can develop and move on to the next level," said Williams. "A lot of people are noticing that El Camino College Compton Center's baseball program is a place where they can do that."

The Major League Baseball Urban Youth Academy located at the El Camino College Compton Center facility has helped increase the program's talent level. Although many players, including Lopez, graduated in June and will be moving on to four-year colleges and universities, the Tartars should be able to continue their current level of success.

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Several ECC Compton Center student-athletes will transfer to four-year colleges and universities across the country this fall. Catcher Keith Murakami has signed with Stoney Brook University in New York; Glen Walker has signed with Jackson State University in Jackson, Mississippi; Antonio Paraza and Jose Madera will attend Vanguard University in Costa Mesa, Calif.; Marcus Taylor will attend Texas College in Tyler, Texas; Kamon Gardner will attend Prairie View A&M University in Prairie View, Texas; Michael Jenks and Eric Miranda are headed to La Verne University (Calif.); and Juve Reyes and Mario Maderia will attend Upper Iowa University in Fayette, Iowa. Several other sophomores are awaiting their university acceptance letters.

In addition to baseball, the El Camino College Compton Center Athletics Program fields 13 other intercollegiate sports for men and women. For more information on the El Camino College Compton Center Athletics Program, contact Albert “Lefty” Olguin, Director of Athletics, at 310-900-1600, ext. 2940, or at aolguin@elcamino.edu.

About El Camino College Compton Center

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