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El Camino College Compton Center Baseball Celebrates a Strong 2013 Season; First Baseman Juan Avena Drafted by the New York Mets

El Camino College Compton Center's baseball team wrapped up a successful 2013 season by advancing to the third round of the California Community College Athletic Association (CCCAA) Super Regional Playoffs. It was the best-ever showing in the playoffs for the Tartars, who finished the season 25-18 overall and 14-7 in league play.

Three ECC Compton Center players earned All-South Coast Conference first team honors: starting pitcher Nick Sanchez, first baseman Juan Avena and designated hitter David Terarzas. In addition, outfielder Chris Jacobs was named to the All-SCC second team. Shortstop Larry Barazza, pitcher Omar Pelayo, and catcher Lester Salcedo made the All-SCC honorable mention list.

In addition, infielder Juan Avena was drafted by the New York Mets on the 37th round of the Major League Baseball first-year player draft on June 8. The Compton native, who attended Warren High School, was chosen as a first baseman with the 1,011th overall pick in the 40-round draft.

During the Tartars' standout season several athletes ranked among the final All-SCC statistical leaders, including Chris Jacobs who led the league with eight home runs and finished fourth in the conference with 34 runs batted in. Pitcher Nick Sanchez tied for the league lead with 10 wins and also tied for third with 78 strikeouts. Pitcher Omar Pelayo recorded 93 strikeouts, the second best total in the league this year.

ECC Compton Center players finished one-two in the batting race. David Terarzas lead the league with a .412 average and Juan Avena finished second with a .385 average. LeJohn Baker finished among the league leaders with 11 stolen bases.

In addition to baseball, the El Camino College Compton Center Athletics Program fields nine other intercollegiate sports for men and women. For more information, contact Ladislao "Lalo" Mendoza, ECC Compton Center interim director of athletics, at 310-900-1600, ext. 2940, or at lmendoza@elcamino.edu.

About El Camino College Compton Center

El Camino College Compton Center 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. El Camino College Compton Center is located at 1111 E. Artesia Boulevard, Compton, CA 90221.

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