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# San Tan Foothills FBLA proves worthy of reputation

**By Andrew Luberda**
STVDailyPRSS.com

For the last six years, at least, the San Tan Foothills' FBLA chapter has widely been considered one of best in the state, regularly qualifying many of its members for the National Leadership Conference (NLC) after strong performances at the annual State Leadership Conference (SLC) each year.

This year was no different as the chapter earned the FBLA Chapter Sweepstakes, which rewards the chapter with the best overall performance at the SLC, which was held in Tucson on Apr. 19.

More than 1,600 students competed in Tucson for the right to compete at the 2017 NLC, which will take place in Anaheim, CA, June 24-27.

San Tan Foothills had 24 members qualify for the national competition.

"I really enjoyed it," said Nicolas Zurita about the SLC, where he finished second and qualified to compete at the NLC in the Impromptu Speaking event. "It was an incredible experience because it taught me a lot about myself, it gave me confidence, and I just felt very appreciative toward everyone who helped me and inspired me to do better."

FBLA is one of several Career Technical Student Organizations at San Tan Foothills and its mission is to combine business and education, ultimately preparing students for careers in business.

Many of the chapter's members credit teacher and mentor Joe Galish for preparing them and motivating them for success at regional, state and national competitions.

"When I first came into this program I really wasn't that confident in myself," said sophomore Keyara Winborn, who qualified for the NLC in Public Speaking 1. "Mr. Galish would praise me for the talent that he said I had. No one had ever told me that before and it gave me a new burst of confidence. I didn't want to let him down so I worked 10 times harder."

Galish deflects any credit, instead returning it back to the students for San Tan Foothills' consistent and perhaps unmatched annual success.

"It's really about expectations," Galish said. "I don't think we should undervalue or underestimate what a student is capable of. I try to never make that mistake."

The students in the school's FBLA chapter take great pride in "winning" against schools with larger enrollment numbers. The seniors in the chapter perennially believe the group is good hands with those coming behind them. And those members want to continue the legacy set by those who came before them.

"I take it as a chance to keep the torch running," Zurita said. "I see what they've done and it's incredible. I just really hope that we can be just as great as them."

The following is a list of students, and their respective events, who qualified for the NLC next month:

**Organizational Leadership** ..... Tony Trujillo
**Public Speaking I** ..... Keyara Winborn
**Public Speaking II** ..... Renee Dicken
**Public Speaking II** ..... Sydney Freund
**Impromptu Speaking** ..... Nicolas Zurita
**Client Service** ..... Ariana Cleavenger
**Client Service** ..... Seth Bowman
**Emerging Business Issues** ..... Alexa Segura, Zachary Marlin, and Hannah Mills
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**Management Decision Making** ..... Rex Dacoco, Keyara Winborn, and Skyla Santos
**Entrepreneurship** ..... Stormy Hatfield and Sydney Freund
**Social Media** ..... Hannah Ray and Jaden Albrant
**Social Media** ..... Benicio Ornelas and Marlene Leon
**Business Communication** ..... Matt Kaehler
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Johnathon Craig


Leana Cruz


Ashley De La Cruz


Davin De la Cruz


Natalie de Leon


Renee Dicken


Sandra Feeney


Sydney Freund


Pablo Garcia-Hire


Adam GIllihan


Pedro Gonzalez


Stormy Hatfield


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# FUSD baseball, softball players and coach named to All-Region, All-State teams

**By Andrew Luberda**
STVDailyPRSS.com

Baseball and softball players from Poston Butte, San Tan Foothills and Florence high schools were named to the recently announced Arizona Interscholastic Association All-Region teams and the Arizona Baseball Coaches Association (AzBCA) All-State Teams.

Poston Butte's Race Traynor and Megan Clark were selected Players of the Year in their respective sports. San Tan Foothills' players Norman Touey and Trevyn Badger were selected 2A Metro Region Defensive Player of the Year and Player of the Year, respectively. And Florence's Mathew R. Olsen was named the 3A Central Region Player of the Year.

Additionally, Florence baseball head coach J.T. Neal was selected as the 3A Central Region Coach of the Year and San Tan Foothills head coach Ryan Sutterby was selected the 2A Metro South Region Coach of the Year.

Poston Butte infielder and pitcher Race Traynor earned two Player of the Year honors – the 5A Sonoran Region Offensive Player of the Year and the Region Player of the Year. Traynor, a senior, is the first Broncos' player to win either award. He batted .514 with 13 doubles, a triple, a homerun and finished the season with a team-high 29 RBI. He was equally dominant on the mound as the Broncos' ace, ending the year with a 7 – 2 record and a 2.20 ERA. He completed five of his nine starts and fanned 61 batters in 54 IP. Traynor led the 5A Sonoran Region in all of the following statistical categories: Batting average, slugging percentage, RBI, on-base percentage, OPS, and wins.

Lady Broncos' shortstop Megan Clark was named the 5A Sonoran Region Defensive Player of the Year. Clark, a Lindenwood University commit, was the lone senior on her team. She had a .927 fielding percentage, committing only six errors in 82 chances in her final season. At the plate, the future Lindenwood Lion batted .475 with 47 hits, including 13 doubles, four triples and seven homeruns. Her 34 RBI ranked second on the team.

San Tan Foothills' utility player Norman Touey posted a team-high .980 fielding percentage for the Sabercats this season. The senior has only three errors in 149 chances. Touey batted .477 with eight doubles and four triples to go along with 19 RBI.

Badger, who is only a freshman, was the ace of the region-champion Cats' rotation, leading the team and region with a 7 – 1 record and a minuscule 1.82 ERA. He started nine games, completing give of them, and whiffed 72 batters in just 50 IP, which was best in the region. Opponents hit just .184 against him. At the plate, the freshman sensation led the region with an eye-popping .582 batting average and a 1.488 OPS. He hit 12 doubles, four triples and led the Cats with 28 RBI. Badger also led the 2A Metro South Region with 36 steals.

Florence pitcher/infielder Mathew Olsen, the 3A Central Region Player of the Year, was nearly unhittable, as evidenced by his region-leading 0.64 ERA. The right-handed Olsen led the Gophers, who were undefeated in region play, to the Central Region Championship. He led the region in ERA, wins (9) and strikeouts (103), which he completed in only 55 IP, an average of almost two K's per inning. Offensively, Olsen batted .431 and led the team with 30 RBI. He had seven doubles, three triples and three homeruns.

**POSTON BUTTE BASEBALL**

**AIA 5A Sonoran Region Player of the Year** – Race Traynor.
**AIA 5A Sonoran Region Offensive Player of the Year** – Race Traynor
**AIA 5A Sonoran Region 1st Team** – Joshua Touhey, Race Traynor, Juan Navarrete, and Nolan McNeill.
**AIA 5A Sonoran Region 2nd Team** – Calvin Shay, Cameron Vercoe, Tanner Collins, and Daniel Bravo.
**AIA 5A Sonoran Region Honorable Mention** – Grant Young.

**POSTON BUTTE SOFTBALL**

**AIA 5A Sonoran Region Defensive Player of the Year** – Megan Clark.
**AIA 5A Sonoran Region 1st Team** – Lindsay Lopez and Megan Clark.
**AIA 5A Sonoran Region 2nd Team** – Taylor Strupp, Skyler Jenkins, Ronni Sample, Kayla Faust, and Jacqueline Hernandez.
**AIA 5A Sonoran Region Honorable Mention** – Jessica Chapman.
**AzBCA 5A Conference 1st Team** – Race Traynor.

**SAN TAN FOOTHILLS BASEBALL**

**AIA 2A Metro South Region Player of the Year** – Trevyn Badger.
**AIA 2A Metro South Region Defensive Player of the Year** – Norman Touey.
**AIA 2A Metro South Region Coach of the Year** – Ryan Sutterby.
**AIA 2A Metro South Region 1st Team** – Norman Touey, Trevyn Badger and Jayson Reyes.
**AIA 2A Metro South Region 2nd Team** – Damien Lyon, Daniel Herrera, Zachary Herrera, and Michael Posey.

**SAN TAN FOOTHILLS SOFTBALL**

**AIA Metro South Region 1st Team** – Mikaylah Barraza.
**AIA Metro South Region 2nd Team** – Korey Perry, Kim Zambrano and Myrando Mo.

**FLORENCE BASEBALL**

**AIA 3A All-Conference 1st Team** – Mathew R. Olsen, Tyler Austin and Matan Utschen.
**AIA 3A Central Region Coach of the Year** – J.T. Neal.
**AIA 3A Central Region Player of the Year** – Mathew R. Olsen.
**AIA 3A Central Region 1st Team** – Mathew R. Olsen, Tyler Austin, Brandon Formato, and Matan Utschen.
**AIA 3A Central Region 2nd Team** – Jon-Ramazees Severe and Walter Sommer.
**AIA 3A Central Region Honorable Mention** – Chase Hall, Chase Johnson and Bradley Standford.
**AzBCA 3A Conference Player of the Year** – Matt Olsen.
**AzBCA 3A Conference 1st Team** – Matt Olsen.
**AzBCA 3A Conference 2nd Team** – Tyler Austin.

**FLORENCE SOFTBALL**

**AIA 3A All-Conference Honorable Mention** – Jaycee Johnson.
**AIA 3A Central Region 1st Team** – Jaycee Johnson, Jamela Copeland and Mikayla Flores.
**AIA 3A Central Region 2nd Team** – Jackie Cornett, Kolbi Cluff and Ana Arbizo.
**AIA 3A Central Region Honorable Mention** – Eliahana Avendano and Jalisa Murray.

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# Poston Butte's Hatch named 1st Team All-Academic

Poston Butte junior basketball player Logan Hatch, the owner of a 4.63 GPA, was named 1st Team All-Academic by Sports360AZ.com.

Sports360AZ.com is a local digital media outlet with high-quality high school sports content. The site released its 2017 All-Academic Basketball Teams after the conclusion of the 2016-17 basketball season. Student-athletes selected to the team represent "the best the state has to offer both on the court as well as in the classroom."

Brad Cesmat, the founder and CEO of Sports 360AZ.com, told the *STV Daily PRSS* that former honored players have included the recognition on their college applications, adding that off-(court) performance is "more important than what a (player) can do on the (court)."

"Our stance is, academics should play a role for every kid," said Cesmat, who is also a faculty member of the Walter Cronkite School of Journalism at Arizona State University. "If you notice, there are players on the team that don't start or play that much, but they are part of a TEAM. So why not honor them too?"

Indeed.

Players were nominated by coaches and members of the Arizona High School basketball community, according to the site. Nominees were required to be varsity level student-athletes with at least a 3.0 unweighted or a 3.5 weighted grade-point average.

# Poston Butte baseball, softball seniors honored

**By Andrew Luberda**
STVDailyPRSS.com

Seven Bronco baseball players and the lone Lady Bronco senior were honored at their respective final regular-season home games in April.

Baseball players Tanner Collins, Race Traynor, Daniel Bravo, Juan Navarrette, Grant Young, and Garrett Gilchrist were recognized on Senior Night during a pre-game ceremony on Apr. 21.

The seniors were part of a group that helped the Broncos' to back-to-back playoff appearances and a region title for the first time in school history. Another first in the history of the program included Race Traynor being selected the 5A Sonoran Region Player of the Year and Offensive Player of the Year.

"Our seniors are really an upbeat group," Broncos' head coach Chris Holcombe said. "They keep everybody loose, but at the same time they expect to successful."

"They've bought into a culture of expectation and accountability," he continued. "We expect to be successful and we hold our players accountable to that. This group has really been on top of things."

The Lady Broncos didn't host a "Senior Night," instead the team held "Megan Night" on Apr. 20 to honor their lone senior, Megan Clark.

Clark, who signed in November to attend and play softball at Lindenwood University in St. Charles, Mo., saw the best and worst of Poston Butte softball during her four-year varsity career. The last two, in particular, have been the best for Clark and Lady Broncos following consecutive playoff appearances.

In her final season, Clark was selected the 5A Sonoran Region Defensive Player of the Year.

"The kid is amazing and I'm going to miss the (heck) out of her," Poston Butte head coach Don Baker said about his starting shortstop. "Megan really solidified the Poston Butte softball program by (mentoring) younger players. She really taught them mental toughness and other intangibles that lead to success. Without her we wouldn't be where we are as a program."

Clark said working with the younger players was reciprocal because it helped her improve an area of her game too.

"Playing with the younger kids I really had to learn how to be a leader," she said. "I'm so used to playing with kids closer to my own age that working with our players really helped with my game, mentally."



**Megan Clark was the lone senior on the Poston Butte softball team.**


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