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Compton College Honors Scholar-Athletes at Annual Awards Banquet

Compton College football player Gregory Filer, III and softball player Riah Nunley were each named Sophomore of the Year at the annual Tartar Athletics awards banquet. The end-of-the-year celebration recognized the achievements of Compton College student-athletes during the 2017-18 academic year.

Filer, who signed with Montana State to continue his football career, was named All-California Region IV First Team Defense. Nunley, who signed with Jarvis Christian College (Texas), was named All-South Coast Conference South Second Team.

The event kicked off by honoring all of the postseason award winners and those who have already signed to continue at four-year institutions. Twenty-eight student-athletes earned postseason honors in their respective sports, while seven student-athletes have signed agreements to continue competition.

Six student-athletes were honored for their academic achievement, boasting the highest grade point averages on their respective squads, while exhausting their eligibility at the two-year level.

Freshmen Julissa Gamboa (women's soccer) and Billy Sanchez (baseball) were named Rookies of the Year, while Nunley and sophomore L'kielynn Taylor (men's basketball) earned Performance of the Year honors. Nunley blasted a pair of home runs in two different games, while Taylor posted back-to-back triple-doubles in conference play this season.

The awards ceremony was capped by honoring men's soccer player Ivan Vasquez who was named Most Inspirational after overcoming a number of obstacles to earn his associate degree this year.

The Tartars had much to celebrate in 2017-18, and the Compton College Athletics program is looking forward to an even better 2018-19.

2018 Tartar Athletics Award Winners:

Scholar-Athletes

David Cooper, Football

Brian Araux, Men's Soccer

Jasmin Hill, Women's Soccer

Chris Townsell, Men's Basketball

Alexandro Rodriguez, Baseball

Beatriz Herrera, Softball

Rookie of the Year

Julissa Gamboa, Women's Soccer
Billy Sanchez, Baseball

Sophomore of the Year

Riah Nunley, Softball
Gregory Filer III, Football

Performance of the Year

Riah Nunley, Softball
L'kielynn Taylor, Men's Basketball

Coach of the Year

Amanda Evans, Women's Soccer
Keith Higgins, Men's Basketball

Team of the Year

Women's Soccer
Men's Soccer

Tartar Award

Carina Perez, Women's Soccer
Danny Hernandez, Baseball

Special Recognition Award

Marilyn Vaughn, Accounting Technician

Most Inspirational Award

Ivan Vasquez, Men's Soccer

Photo available online:

<http://www.elcamino.edu/about/depts/publicrelations/photos/2018/AthleticAwards2018.jpg>

Caption:

(Left to right) Compton College softball player Riah Nunley and football player Gregory Filer, III were each named the Sophomore of the Year at the 2018 Tartar Athletics Awards banquet, which celebrated the achievements of Compton College student-athletes for the 2017-18 academic year.

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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.