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## 2016 ALL-AREA TEAM • SOFTBALL

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Flintridge Prep



**Olivia Fitzpatrick,**  
Flintridge Sacred Heart



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**ALL-AREA SOFTBALL FIRST TEAM****Natalie Dale,  
Sophomore, Utility,  
Flintridge Prep**

Perhaps it's no coincidence that in each of Dale's two seasons at Flintridge Prep, the Rebels have returned to the playoffs after a substantial absence. The All-CIF Southern Section Division VI and All-Prep League first-team pick returns to the All-Area team after she batted .560 (28 for 50) with 13 extra-base hits, 30 runs batted in, 21 runs and 13 stolen bases.

**Julia Duarte, Senior,  
Infielder, Burbank**

A four-season standout earned another first-team All-Pacific League honor after an excellent final season. She keyed the Bulldogs' offense with a .412 (28 for 68) batting average with 20 runs, 15 RBI, four triples and three home runs.

**Sammy Fabian,  
Junior, Outfielder,  
Glendale**

One of the greatest talents in the state once again, Fabian was a Cal-Hi Sports All-State, All-CIF Southern Section Division III, All-Pacific League and an All-Area first-team pick. She put in another season of jaw-dropping numbers, batting .656 (42 for 64) with 10 doubles, four triples, three home runs, 40 runs, 22 RBI, 18 stolen bases and, most famously, ran her career

hitting streak to 61 games. Overall, Fabian has hit safely in 64 of her 65 games played at Glendale and is riding a three-game hitting streak, one in which she finished the season going eight for her last 10, into the final season of one of the area's most distinguished careers.

**Olivia Fitzpatrick,  
Senior, Outfielder,  
Flintridge Sacred Heart**

Turned in an outstanding season for the playoff-bound Tologs, earning an All-Sunshine League first-team nod with a .418 (33 for 79) batting average with 12 doubles, 22 RBI, 21 runs and a senior year of errorless defense.

**Alex Howard, Senior, Infielder, Glendale**

Wrapped up a phenomenal four-year career with the Nitros with perhaps her best season yet. An All-Pacific League first-team selection, she hit .493 (37 for 75) with 28 RBI, 16 doubles, three triples, 23 runs, 13 stolen bases and was an excellent shortstop.

**Brianna Johnson, Senior, Utility, Burroughs**

A clutch performer and all-around threat, she earned a first-team All-Pacific League nod as she tallied a .390 average (32 for 82) with 25 runs, 13 RBI and was a perfect 13 for 13 stealing bases.

**Jordan Lousararian,  
Senior, Pitcher, Glendale**

A four-year standout for the Nitros and a multiple-time all-league and All-Area honoree, she finished her career as an All-Pacific League first-team selection with a 16-3 record with a 1.99 ERA, 65 strikeouts and 26 walks in 102 innings. At the plate, she added a .306 (19 for 62) average with 13 RBI.

**Kaitlin Okimoto, Senior, Infielder, Burroughs**

One of the area's very best, she was a first-team All-Pacific League honoree and crucial in Burroughs achieving its greatest success ever. Put up huge offensive numbers to the tune of a .429 (36 for 84) average with 36 runs, 30 RBI, 11 doubles, four triples and eight home runs.

**Amanda Ramirez,  
Freshman, Infielder,  
Flintridge Sacred Heart**

The All-CIF Southern Section Division V first-team performer announced her presence with authority in a fabulous debut season. Also an All-Sunshine League first-team selection, the shortstop hit .523 (45 for 86) with 10 doubles, four home runs, 32 RBI, 34 runs and six stolen bases.

**Holly Stoner,  
Sophomore, Pitcher,  
La Cañada**

Became a consistent



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**SYDNEE WELLS** of Crescenta Valley High put up monster offensive numbers and was a first-team all-leaguer.

force for the Rio Hondo League champions, earning the Rio Hondo League Pitcher of the Year award at season's end. She went 12-5 with a 1.54 earned-run average in 20 appearances and struck out 107 and walked 35 in 95 2/3 innings.

**Emily Tinkham,  
Freshman, Infielder,  
La Cañada**

Showed the future is bright for the Spartans with

a phenomenal rookie season. The All-Rio Hondo League first-team member hit .554 (31 for 56) with eight home runs, 23 runs batted in and 25 runs.

**Sydnee Wells, Senior, Catcher, Crescenta Valley**

Put together some of the best numbers in the area, as the All-Pacific League first-team pick batted .536 (37 for 69) with 17 extra-base knocks, including 10

home runs, 32 runs and an eye-popping 54 runs batted in to lead the Falcons into the playoffs.

**Jessica Yzaguirre, Junior, Outfielder, Cres. Valley**

An offensive catalyst who was a constant threat, the All-Pacific League first-team selection hit .500 (39 for 78) with 35 runs and 14 stolen bases for second-place Crescenta Valley.

**Coach of the Year****Doug Nicol, Burroughs**

Navigated the greatest season in Burroughs softball history. First, the Indians won their second consecutive Pacific League championship, but a season after sharing the title, they dominated the league, going a perfect 14-0 and winning the crown by three games. Then Burroughs marched all the way to the CIF Southern Section Division III semifinals, the furthest ascent in program history before falling to eventual champion Grand Terrace and concluding a 25-4 season. Known for his passion and fiery leadership, Nicol stepped down following the season, becoming the third Burroughs coach (football's Keith Knoop and boys' basketball's Adam Hochberg) of the school year to be tabbed as All-Area Coach of the Year before leaving his helm.