



# D2CCA BASEBALL ALL-WEST REGION NEWS RELEASE

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**SEASIDE, Calif.** -- Chico State's Casey Costello and Azusa Pacific's Pablo O'Connor took the Division II Conference Commissioners Association Baseball All-West Region top honors as Pitcher and Player of the year, respectively. Voting was conducted by the NCAA Division II Sports Information Directors from institutions and conference offices.

Costello was named the West Region Pitcher of the Year after a spotless 12-0 season. The La Quinta native allowed just 22 earned runs on 78 hits in 83.1 innings pitched while posting an impressive 2.38 ERA. The junior led Chico State to the best record in CCAA history of 34-4, a CCAA Baseball Tournament Championship and an NCAA West Regional appearance and no. 1 seed.

O'Connor was named the West Region Player of the Year after an impressive showing at the dish all season. The junior outfielder posted a .397 batting average and a .772 slugging percentage. Of his 75 hits, 34 of them were for extra bases in 18 home runs, 15 doubles and a triple.

Costello also received First Team honors in addition to three other CCAA representatives. Relief pitcher and the national leader in saves with 15, Nick Voumard, also earned D2CCA First Team honors. Catcher Cody Martin (Cal Poly Pomona) and Shortstop Tyler Place (Cal State San Marcos) round out the CCAA contingent on the first team. The CCAA dominated the second team with 13 selections giving it 17 total, the most of any conference.

It was crowded at the top as O'Connor led a group of 11 first team selections from the Pac West Conference including three players from Dixie State (2B Tyler Mildenberg, OF Trey Kamachi, Utility-Non Pitcher Drew McLaughlin). Pitcher Michael Fairchild and third baseman Adrian Tovalin joined O'Connor as first team representatives for APU as well. All totaled, the PacWest had 13 all-region selections.

Northwest Nazarene outfielder Billy King represented the GNAC earning first team honors as the senior led the Crusaders in hits (58), home runs (15), and RBI (44).

All of the 14 first teamers will now be placed on the national ballot for All-American recognition to be announced later this month.

The Division II Conference Commissioners Association encourages and promotes Division II athletics and high standards of sportsmanship as important elements of higher education. The CCA is a key communications link among the conferences as they discuss views, policies and regulations that impact Division II intercollegiate athletics and works closely with the NCAA as a communications channel to NCAA Division II member colleges and universities.

**GO OTTERS!**



# 2017 D2CCA Baseball All-West Region Teams

## Pitcher of the Year

Casey Costello, Chico State

## Player of the Year

Pablo O'Connor, Azusa Pacific

### FIRST TEAM

Name	School	Pos.	Yr.	Hometown/Last School
Casey Costello	Chico State	P	Jr.	La Quinta, Calif./Orange Coast CC
Garett King	Cal Baptist	P	Jr.	Anaheim Hills, Calif./Nebraska
Michael Fairchild	Azusa Pacific	P	Sr.	Olympia, Wash./Olympia HS
Matthew Gunter	Hawaii Pacific	P	Sr.	Orangevale, Calif./Bella Vista HS
Nick Voumard	Stanislaus State	RP	Sr.	Turlock, Calif./Turlock HS
Cody Martin	Cal Poly Pomona	C	Jr.	Murrieta, Calif./Sacramento State
Ryan Garcia	Point Loma	1B	Sr.	Oceanside, Calif./El Camino HS
Tyler Mildenberg	Dixie State	2B	Sr.	Huntington Beach, Calif./Oregon State
Adrian Tovalin	Azusa Pacific	3B	Sr.	San Diego, Calif./Otay Ranch HS
Tyler Place	Cal State San Marcos	SS	Jr.	Fullerton, Calif./Fullerton HS
Pablo O'Connor	Azusa Pacific	OF	Jr.	El Cajon, Calif./Monte Vista HS
Billy King	Northwest Nazarene	OF	Sr.	Anacortes, Wash./Oregon State
Trey Kamachi	Dixie State	OF	Sr.	Kapolei, Hawaii/Arizona State
Tommy Bell	Cal Baptist	DH	Sr.	Irvine, Calif./New Mexico State
Kellen Sheppard	Point Loma	UT-P	Sr.	Vista, Calif./Rancho Buena HS
Drew McLaughlin	Dixie State	UT-NP	Sr.	Scottsdale, Ariz./Desert Mountain HS

### SECOND TEAM

Name	School	Pos.	Yr.	Hometown.Last School
Stephen Young	Point Loma	P	Sr.	Mission Viejo, Calif./Mission Viejo HS
Mason Hilty	Dixie State	P	Sr.	Richland, Wash./Coll. of S. Idaho
Hunter Haworth	Chico State	P	Jr.	Hollister, Calif./San Benito HS
Jordan Kron	Stanislaus State	P	Sr.	Manteca, Calif./UC Riverside
Jae Wagner	Chico State	RP	Jr.	Santa Rosa, Calif./Solano CC
Justin Gomez	Azusa Pacific	C	So.	Claremont, Calif./Bonita HS
Tyler Durna	UC San Diego	1B	So.	Chino Hills, Calif./Ruben S. Ayala HS
John Soteropulos	Cal State Dominguez Hills	2B	Sr.	Palos Verdes, Calif./Cal
Cameron Santos	Chico State	3B	Jr.	San Ramon, Calif./California HS
Tyler Baker	Dixie State	SS	Sr.	Las Vegas, Nev./Point Loma
Sean Watkins	Cal State L.A.	OF	Jr.	San Bruno, Calif./Loyola Marymount
Josh Falco	Chico State	OF	Sr.	Sacramento, Calif./Cuesta CC
Jack Larsen	UC San Diego	OF	Sr.	Mission Viejo, Calif./Capistrano Valley HS
Daniel Pitts	Cal Poly Pomona	OF	Sr.	Lancaster, Calif./Long Beach City Coll.
Dillon Kelley	Chico State	DH	Sr.	Visalia, Calif./College of the Sequoias
Christian Broussard	Cal State. L.A.	UT-P	Jr.	Ramona, Calif./San Diego City College
Michael Thomas, Jr.	Cal State East Bay	UT-NP	Sr.	Lakewood, Calif./Long Beach City Coll.