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All the best,

A handwritten signature in black ink, reading "Mary Ellen Leicht".

Mary Ellen Leicht
Executive Director

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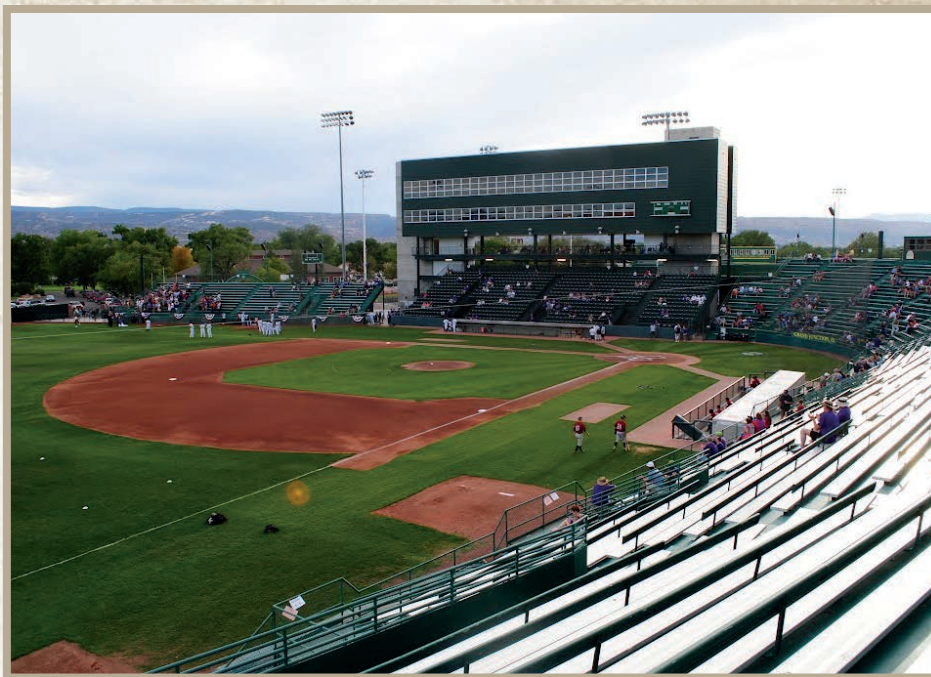
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Surface:	Natural Grass
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Seating Capacity:	approx. 10,000

Field Dimensions:

Left Field Line:	302 ft.
Left Field:	365 ft.
Left Center:	410 ft.
Center Field:	400 ft.
Right Center:	365 ft.
Right Field:	350 ft.
Right Field Line:	330 ft.



SUPLIZIO FIELD UPGRADES CONTINUE

Partnerships are what make JUCO such a great event. As a result of our partnerships, the addition of the GoVision video board in right field is the latest upgrade to Suplizio Field. JUCO Chairman Jamie Hamilton said, "It's really exciting and is an additional amenity that will increase the enjoyment of everybody involved." The partnership between the Alpine Bank Junior College World Series, the Grand Junction Rockies, Colorado Mesa University, and community donations made the video board a reality.

The video board will have the capability to show replays, video highlights, advertising, player information and more. The board will have the ability to be moved from Suplizio Field to Stocker Stadium where it can be used during football games. District 51 high schools, Colorado Mesa, JUCO and the Rockies will all have the ability to utilize the video board at both stadiums.

The total cost of the video board will be approximately \$195,000. The Rockies contributed \$75,000, Colorado Mesa University contributed \$20,000 and JUCO will pay the remaining balance. "We're excited to partner with JUCO and CMU to provide another community asset to Suplizio Field that will help make this ballpark even more first-class than it already is," said Grand Junction Rockies President Joe Kubly.

While our tournament teams arrive in Grand Junction faced with the challenge of winning a national championship, JUCO is also faced with a challenge. If we can raise \$30,000 towards this project, another generous benefactor will match that amount towards the purchase of the video board. Fans, we need your help to receive this additional support. You can donate to the project through a GoFundMe project (see link below). Donations of at least \$10 will be rewarded with a personal "Thank You" on the video board during the World Series. Donors of \$100 or more will receive an Alpine Bank Junior College World Series 2017 T-shirt.

<https://www.gofundme.com/help-juco-ws-get-a-video-board>

For more information about the GoFundMe campaign, contact Renaya Demarest at 505-507-8986 or by email at renaya.demarest96@gmail.com.

2017 NJCAA WORLD SERIES PREGAME ENTERTAINMENT

Saturday, May 27th

9:00 am Game 1

National Anthem: Select Choir Fruita 8-9 School

7:30 pm Game 4

NJCAA DISTRICT CHAMPIONS, Introduction of Coaches escorted by EXPRESS ALL-STARs, National Anthem: Bookcliff Chapter Barbershop Singers, Color Guard: Grand Junction Police and Fire Department Combined Honor

Sunday, May 28th

10:00 am Game 5

National Anthem: Joslin Miller

7:30 pm Game 7

NJCAA Recognition Night, Leadership of NJCAA escorted By EXPRESS ALL-STARs, National Anthem: Cadence Neste, Color Guard: Delta County Composite Squaron, Civil Air Patrol, POC Lt. Tom Jones

Monday, May 29th

10:00 am Game 8

National Anthem: Kailey Behunin and Autum Erekson

7:30 pm Game 10

Memorial Day Veteran Tribute, Special Law Enforcement/Military Recognition, Dove Release- BETTY'S, National Anthem: Michael Hedler, Color Guard: American Legion District 13 Joint Honor Guard, Representing the Past, Present and, 7th Inning Stretch: God Bless, FIREWORKS FOLLOWING THE GAME

Tuesday, May 30th

11:00 am Game 11

National Anthem: Joslin Arnold

7:30 pm Game 13

Alpine Bank Appreciation Night/Alpine Bank Scholarships, National Anthem: Paonia High School Swing Choir, Color Guard: Thunder Mountain Composite Squadron Civil Air Patrol, POC Lt. Paul Russell

Wednesday, May 31

3:00 pm Game 14

National Anthem: Katheryn Jordan

7:30 pm Game 15

Student Athlete and Scholarship Recognition Night, Grand Junction Lions Club Student Athlete Awards, National Anthem: Ashley Troester, Color Guard: Central High School, Warrior Battalion Army Junior ROTC, POC SFC John Pennington

Thursday, June 1st

3:00 pm Game 16

National Anthem: Daniel "Buck" Henry

7:30 pm Game 17

Challenger Baseball Night, National Anthem: Generations Color Guard: Thunder Mountain Composite Squadron Civil Air Patrol, POC SFC John Pennington

Friday, June 2

7:00 pm Game 18

Home Run Alley/Awards Presentation, Orchard Mesa Little League MVP Awards National Anthem: Shaunee Vidlock, Color Guard: Mesa County Sheriff, Grand Junction Police Department and Grand Junction Fire Department Joint Honor Guard

Saturday, June 3rd

7:00pm Game 19

NJCAA/JUCO Recognition, National Anthem: Leah Manee' Color Guard: Mesa County Sheriff, Grand Junction Police Department and Grand Junction Fire Department Joint Honor Guard





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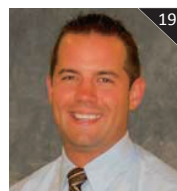
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Roger Bidwell

As a 25-year old in 1982, Roger Bidwell began his 34-year journey as the head coach of the UConn Avery Point baseball program. During his tenure from 1982 through the 2015 season, Bidwell saw tremendous success as the Ledyard, Connecticut, native posted a 1,007-378-7 record.

Some of Bidwell's accomplishments include 13 NJCAA Region 21 Division II championships and six appearances in the NJCAA DII Baseball World Series which included a runner-up finish in 2010 when the Pointers finished the year 41-10. He was recognized during that championship run with coach of the tournament honors. In his first six seasons, Bidwell won the Connecticut Small College Conference Championship and quickly established himself as one of the best coaches in the region.

In 2004 and 2011, he was named the Connecticut American Legion College Coach of the Year. Bidwell was also recognized by the Connecticut Sports Writers Alliance in 2011 when he was given the Gold Key Award at the 70th annual Gold Key Dinner. In 2012, Bidwell was inducted into the Niantic American Legion Baseball Hall of Fame.

Under Coach Bidwell's guidance, more than 150 players went on to four-year schools with 34 of them going on to play professional baseball.

After he retired from coaching, Bidwell became the chairman for the NJCAA Region 21's Baseball and Standard and Ethics committees. He held each position since 1994 and 2000, respectively. Currently, Bidwell remains with UConn-Avery Point as their athletic director. He's married to his wife Nancy and has two sons, Casey and Shane.



James Hall

James Hall is the former coach from Eastern Arizona and from his alma mater, Cochise College. He spent 12 years in the NJCAA coaching ranks. During his time with the two Arizona programs, Hall's accumulative record is 272-193-1. In his final two seasons with Cochise, 1988 and 1989, the Apaches went on to the NJCAA World Series and finished seventh and third, respectively.

Public recognition followed Coach Hall as he was able to garner the 1988 Arizona Community College Athletic Conference (ACCAC) Coach of the Year and NJCAA Region 1 Baseball Coach of the Year awards in 1988 and 1989. He was also recognized by the American Baseball Coaches Association (ABCA) as the District Coach of the Year in both seasons.

Coach Hall was inducted into the Arizona Baseball Coaches Hall of Fame in 2010. In 2014 Hall was inducted into the Cochise College Hall of fame in 2014.

Hall has remained at Cochise College as the Athletic Director since 1988. He has also served as the ACCAC Conference President and as an NJCAA assistant regional director from 2000-2011.

Hall grew up in the Grand Canyon State and was raised in Bowie. From there he walked on to Cochise's baseball team as player in 1969. He was picked up by the San Francisco Giants minor league affiliate Class A Davenport, but was released the end of spring training in 1974. Hall currently resides in Sierra Vista, Arizona.



Craig Young

Former Middle Georgia State and Abraham Baldwin (Ga.) coach Craig Young accumulated a remarkable 761-380 record in his 22-year coaching career. His coaching prowess helped lead his Middle Georgia State squads to four appearances (2001, 2002, 2004, 2009) in the NJCAA DI Baseball World Series.

Coach Young was named the NJCAA Region 17 Coach of the Year five times, NJCAA East Central District Coach of the Year four times, and ABCA Region Coach of the Year five times. In 2012, Young was awarded the NJCAA's 20-year service award for his time with the association. At the state level, he was recognized 3 times as the Georgia Dugout Club's Coach of the Year.

With some guidance from Young, 47 former players were drafted by MLB franchises, including Kyle Farnsworth, Josh Reddick, and Willie Harris.

During his off time, Coach Young gave back through the game of baseball. In 1993, he began serving as Director of Craig Young Baseball Camps and began assisting with the operations of the university's annual baseball camp, the Middle Georgia Showcase.

Besides overseeing the baseball program, Young was the athletic director from 2003-2006 and served as the Region 17 Baseball Chair from 2000-2003. Young was also a member of the ABCA for more than 20 years.

Outside of baseball, Young graduated from Union County High School in Blairsville, Georgia. He stayed inside the Peach State and attended Georgia Southwestern State University where he earned his Bachelor and Masters of Education.

Young is married to his wife Lynn. They have three children, Chase, Jessi, and Cal.

JUCO SAYS GOOD-BYE TO HALL OF FAMER

Dick Reimer

Dick Reimer was an accomplished baseball player, drafted by the New York Giants out of high school. Called to serve, he continued to play baseball for the Lowry Air Force base baseball team. Following his service, Dick moved to Grand Junction and played for the Grand Junction Eagles semi-professional team. Dick went on to a successful business career. His love of baseball led him to be involved in the JUCO tournament for many years. As a member of the JUCO Committee, Dick served as a co-chairman and was a hands-on committee participant. Dick was inducted into the JUCO Hall of Fame in 1993. Dick's wife of 59 years, Diane, passed away in 2013.



The entire JUCO family extends our condolences to the entire Reimer family.

PRIOR HALL OF FAME INDUCTEES

2016

Steve Burleson - Kansas City Kansas Community College, Kansas City, KS

Barry Davis - Rowan Gloucester County College, Sewell, NJ

Doug Little - Potomac State College, Keyser, WV

2015

Duane Crabaugh - Rose State College, Midwest City, OK

Bill Krejci - Southwestern Community College, Creston, IA

Marc Rardin - Iowa Western Community College, Council Bluffs, IA

Ernie Rosseau - Eastern Florida State College, Cocoa, FL

2014

Eric Brown - Suffolk County Community College, Selden, NY

Thomas Rogers - Tournament Director, NJCAA Division II World Series, Millington, TN

Steve Ruzich - South Suburban College, South Holland, IL

Tim Wallace - Spartanburg Methodist College, Spartanburg, SC

2013

Donald Greene - Jefferson State Community College, Birmingham, AL

Steve Hertz - Miami Dade College, Miami, FL

Bruce Hill - Grand Junction, CO

Jim "Skip" Walker - College of Southern Idaho, Twin Falls, ID

2012

Lon Joyce - Spartanburg Methodist College, Spartanburg, SC

Scott Sims - South Georgia College, Douglas, GA

W. Cam Walker - Indian Hills Community College, Council Bluffs, IA

2011

Dudley "Skip" Bailey - Monroe Community College, Rochester, NY

Ray Birmingham, Jr. - New Mexico Junior College, Hobbs, NM

Tom Fizzell, Sr. - Massasoit Community College, Brockton, MA

Jamie Hamilton - Grand Junction, CO

2010

Dennis Conley - Olney Central College, Olney, IL

Dave Dangler - Yavapai College, Prescott, AZ

Bill Hamilton - Pensacola Community College, Pensacola, FL

2009

John Daigle - Millington, TN

Fred Frickie - Calhoun Community College, Calhoun, AL

Wayne King - Joliet Junior College, Joliet, IL

Larry Smith - Kaskaskia College, Kaskaskia, IL

2008

Donald Brown - Redlands Community College, El Reno, OK

Perry Keith - Connors State College, Warner, OK

Galen McSpadden - Seward County Community College, Liberal, KS

2007

Jerald Blemker - Vincennes University, Vincennes, IN

Dave Grant - Glendale Community College, Glendale, AZ

Kent Shelley - Johnson County Community College, Overland Park, KS

2006

Walter Bergman - Grand Junction, CO

Daniel J. Keeley - Rockland Community College, Suffern, NY

Valis S. McLean - Allen County Community College, IOLA, KS

Randy Putman - Wallace State Community College, Hanceville, AL

For a full list of Inductees, visit JUCOGJ.org



HOME RUN ALLEY

Home Run Alley was established in 2005 to recognize people from the greater Grand Junction area as JUCO Heroes. Each of the recipients have made a significant contribution towards making the Junior College World Series one of the country's premier sporting event to watch. Our Home Run Alley was established in the bleachers beyond the outfield wall. Each recipient is remembered with a personalized tribute in the shape of a baseball which is mounted along the bleachers for everyone to appreciate and celebrate.

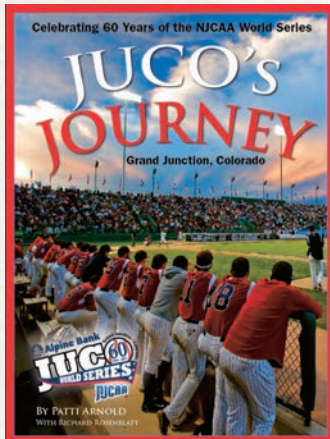
The 2017 recipients of our Home Run Alley Hero recognition are:

Buford Butcher | Community Volunteer For Boy Scouts of America

Jim and Evelyn Davis | Longtime Generous JUCO Supporter and Benevolent Benefactor

Jim Hanks | 2-Sport Athlete From Mesa College and Played in the JUCO Tournament

Congratulations to each of the 2017 recipients!



“JUCO’S JOURNEY”

Trying to condense 60 years of history into one book was a daunting task. Patty Arnold and Richard Rosenblatt worked with current tournament director, Jamie Hamilton, to sift through all the material that chronicled the history of the Junior College World Series over the past 60 years. This book is full of photos and short stories from fans and past participants.

Unfortunately, there was not enough space to include everything in the book. So we are including a few examples of what you will be missing if you don't pick up your copy. Quantities are limited so don't wait and miss your chance to experience 60 years of JUCO history.

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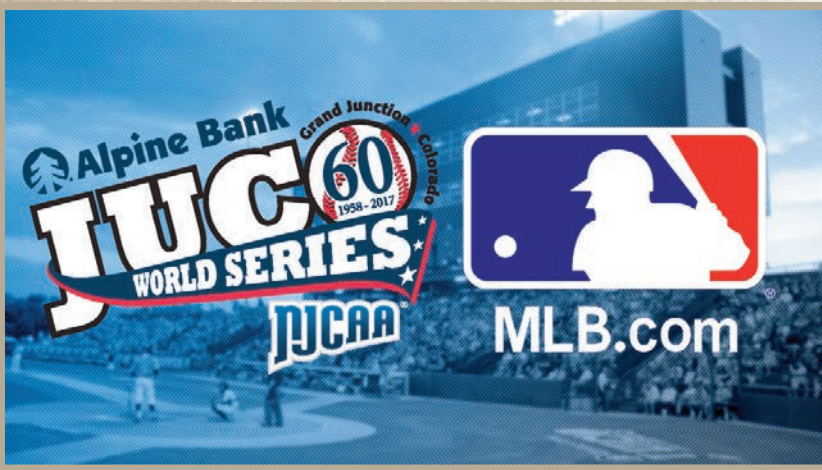
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The national title games of the 2017 NJCAA Division I Baseball World Series will again air live in HD across computers and mobile devices on MLB.com, the official website of Major League Baseball.

Through a continuation of a partnership with MLBAM, MLB.com will produce and air the live, HD broadcast of the tournament's championship on June 2 and June 3 (if necessary). In the booth for MLB.com will be Emmy Award-winning sports broadcaster

Daron Sutton handling play-by-play alongside NCAA College World Series champion and former Wichita State (KS) head coach Gene Stephenson. In addition, Shannon Ford will provide in-depth interviews of players, coaches and tournament representatives.

"The NJCAA is thrilled to again have its premier baseball championship carried live on MLB.com," said NJCAA Executive Director Mary Ellen Leicht. "Following the success of last year's world series, the NJCAA is excited for our student-athletes and member colleges that will get this incredible exposure and national attention thanks to our friends at Major League Baseball. On behalf of the NJCAA Board of Directors and member colleges, we want to again extend our thanks to Commissioner Rob Manfred and his staff for their continued support of the NJCAA.

Along with the live MLB.com broadcasts of the national title games of this year's JUCO World Series, live video broadcasts of all games beginning May 28 to June 1 will be available on NJCAA TV (www.njcaatv.com) - the official digital video network of the NJCAA.

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JUCO NAMED 2017 “EVENT TO WATCH”



The Alpine Bank National Junior College Athletic Association (JUCO) World Series was named an Award-Winning Event to Watch by “SportsEvents Magazine,” a national industry publication produced by the SportsEvents Media Group. The event was featured in the magazine’s “Awards and Recognitions” issue for January 2017.

The Grand Junction community, JUCO fans across the country and magazine readers came together to vote for the event in a survey last December. JUCO was one of nearly 30 nominated events. Only 11 of the 30 were named events to watch.

“We are humbled to receive the award as a 2017 sports event to watch in America,” said Jamie Hamilton, JUCO tournament chairman. “Our

community has known how special the JUCO tournament is, but with the assistance of the Greater Grand Junction Sports Commission our volunteers and fans are getting the national recognition they so richly deserve.”

The GGJSC initially nominated the JUCO World Series for the award and assisted in mobilizing the community to vote.

A flagship sporting event for Grand Junction, the city is approaching its 60th year as proud host of the JUCO World Series. Thanks to a community-wide dedication to providing the best experience possible for athletes, teams and fans alike, the National Junior College Athletic Association renewed its agreement to remain in Grand Junction through 2035.

“SportsEvents’ readers came out in force to nominate and then to vote for their favorite sports events, destinations and the host organizations that represent them,” said John Rezell, SportsEvents Media Group’s executive director. “Our team is proud to honor the nominees that received the most votes with a 2017 Readers’ Choice Award.”

The GGJSC is a collaborative effort between Colorado Mesa University, the City of Grand Junction, Mesa County, the City of Fruita and the Town of Palisade to promote sport tourism in the community. The organization’s mission is to represent the greater Grand Junction area in attracting new and enhancing existing sporting events that capitalize on our assets, positively impact our economy and community and deliver the highest level of customer service.

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DANTE BICHETTE JOINS JUCO AS THE BANQUET SPEAKER



A popular member of the "Blake Street Bombers" who was drafted out of junior college was the speaker at the 60th anniversary Alpine Bank Junior College World Series banquet.

Former Colorado Rockies outfielder Dante Bichette played at Palm Beach Junior College before being drafted by the California Angels in 1984. "Dante's name still rings true here in western Colorado and because of his having played in the junior college ranks, he will give a great perspective to our fans and student-athletes," said JUCO Tournament Chairman Jamie Hamilton. "We are excited."

Bichette hit a memorable 14th-inning walk-off home run to win the Rockies' Coors Field opener in 1995. He joined Larry Walker, Andres

Galarrraga and Vinny Castilla to form the Rockies' power-hitting "Blake Street Bombers." That lineup led Colorado to the National League playoffs for the first time in 1995 losing to Atlanta in four games in the NL Division Series. He played outfield for seven seasons with the Rockies, winning the National League's Silver Slugger Award in 1995, leading the league with 40 home runs and 128 RBI. Bichette returned to Colorado as the hitting coach for the 2013 season.

While playing with the Rockies, Bichette accumulated a .316 batting average with 201 home runs and 826 RBI. After spending one year with Cincinnati and two with the Boston Red Sox, Bichette retired in 2001. He was a four-time All-Star (1994, 1995, 1996, 1998) and finished his 14-year career in Major League Baseball with a .299 batting average, 274 home runs and 1,141 RBI.

Check out the JUCO website (jucogj.org) for a full list of previous banquet speakers.

JUCO HONORS ORIGINAL TOURNAMENT ORGANIZER



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NE Oklahoma A & M College website*

Every year, the Homa Thomas Sportsmanship Trophy is presented to an individual player, coach, or team who best exemplifies sportsmanship during the tournament. Did you ever wonder who Homa Thomas is?

Coach Homa Thomas coached baseball at Northeast Oklahoma College from 1948-1965. Coach Thomas was the first coach in NE Oklahoma history when they began competing in the Oklahoma Junior College Conference. The Golden Norse baseball program thrived under the leadership of Coach Thomas compiling an overall record of 313 wins with only 98 losses (.761). Coach Thomas lead the Miami, Oklahoma based team to 13 state titles, four regional championships that propelled the team into the Junior College Series and ultimately two runner-up finishes.

With the inaugural JUCO World Series being played in Miami, OK, Coach Thomas served as the director of the first national tournament in 1958. He also helped organize the JUCO Baseball National Championship in 1959 when the tournament moved to Grand Junction, Colorado.

Coach Thomas in a member of the NE Oklahoma College Hall of Fame (Class of 2008), the JUCO Hall of Fame (Class of 1982). In honor of Coach Thomas' commitment to junior college baseball and for his vision to create

a national junior college baseball tournament, the JUCO World Series presents a deserving recipient of each tournament with the Homa Thomas Sportsmanship Award.

NJCAA EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR TO RETIRE



Photo Courtesy NJCAA

Mary Ellen Leicht, Executive Director of the National Junior College Athletic Association (NJCAA) will retire following the 2016-17 season. Ms. Leicht was named the NJCAA Executive Director in 2009. She is just the third person to occupy the position since the association's founding in 1938. Her promotion made history as she became the first female chief executive of not only the NJCAA but of any national collegiate athletic organization in the United States. She will conclude a career spanning 28 consecutive years with the NJCAA, concluding with eight years as its chief executive.

During her tenure, Leicht guided the NJCAA through many challenges while ushering in an era of innovative success. Her leadership helped secure long-term contracts for the association's two most high-profile events, keeping the Division I Men's Basketball Championship in Hutchinson, Kansas, and the Division I Baseball World Series in Grand Junction, Colorado - both coming with multi-million dollar facility renovations and improvements. "I am extremely proud to have been a part of the incredible progress the NJCAA has made over the last three decades on behalf of our member colleges and student-athletes," said Leicht.

Mary Ellen Leicht, the Executive Director of the National Junior College Athletic Association (NJCAA), is the recipient of the American Baseball Coaches Association's 2017 Meritorious Service Award.

Jamie Hamilton said, "Mary Ellen's strength as a leader was to offer constructive criticism and praise where needed and then let the great committee in Grand Junction do what we do and stay out of the way."

Everyone around JUCO will miss you and hope you experience many rewarding adventures in your retirement. During your travels, we hope you come back to Grand Junction. You are always welcome here!!

NJCAA NAMES NEXT EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

The NJCAA has announced the hiring of Dr. Christopher J. Parker as its new executive director beginning July 17, 2017. Parker will replace Mary Ellen Leicht, who will retire after the 2016-17 NJCAA season after 28 years of service.

"I am humbled and honored to serve as the next NJCAA Executive Director," said Parker. "I want to personally thank the executive committee for entrusting me with this opportunity. In addition, I want to thank Mary Ellen Leicht and the staff at the national office for their leadership and excellence over the past few decades. I have huge shoes to fill and we will continue to progress forward."

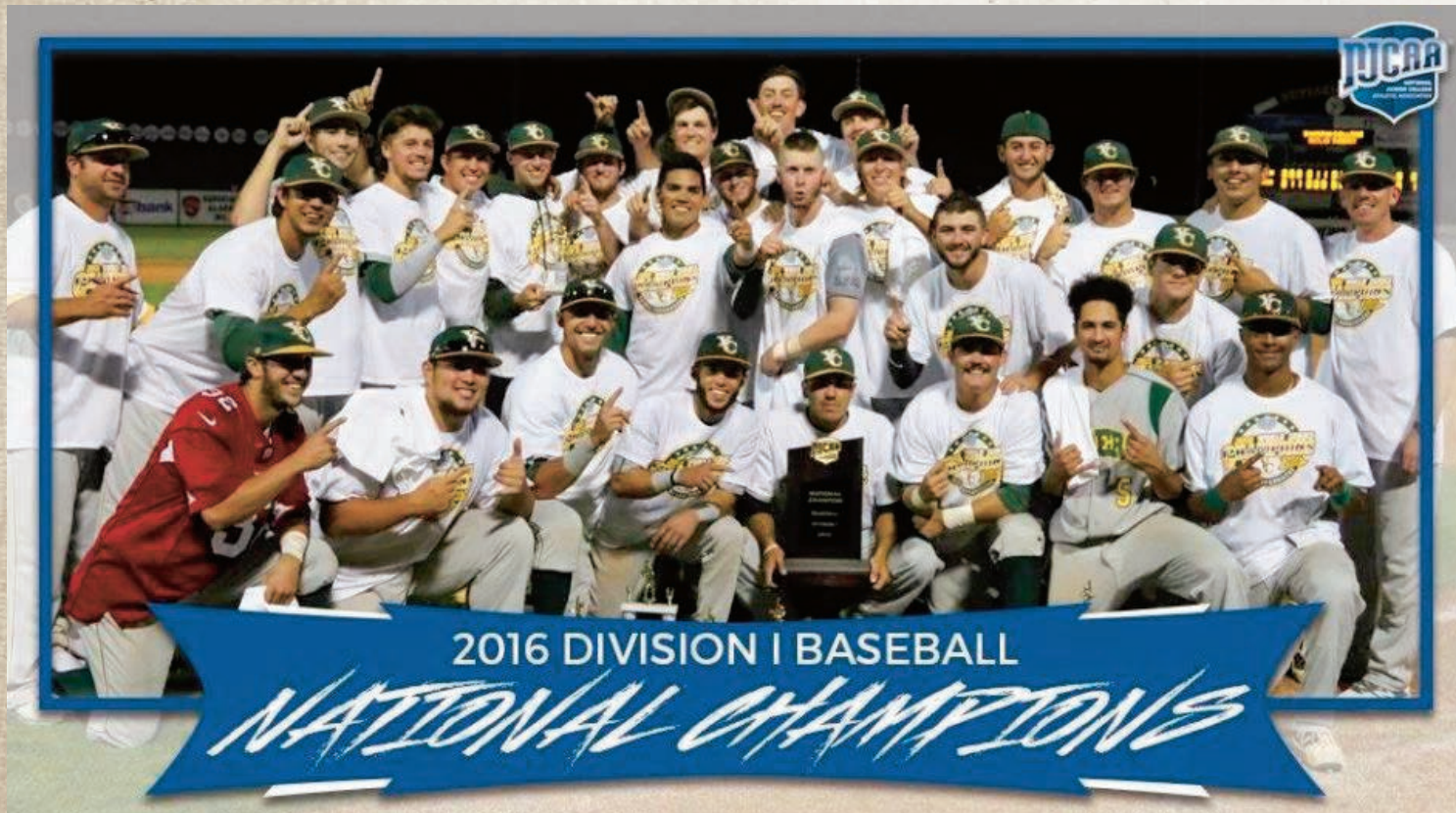
When he begins his post in July, Parker will become just the fourth chief executive of the NJCAA since its founding in 1938. George E. Killian was the association's first executive director, serving from 1968-2004 followed by Wayne Baker (2004-09) and Mary Ellen Leicht (2009-17).

News release provided by the NJCAA. The full article containing some of Dr. Parker's accomplishments can be seen at www.JUCOGJ.org.



2016

NATIONAL CHAMPIONS



Team Photo Courtesy Yavapai Community College.

THE 2016 TOURNAMENT had 5 teams from the 2015 tournament return to Grand Junction after going home the previous year without a championship. Oddly, we also had 1 team appear at the tournament that had gone the entire year without any recognition in the national rankings. Sure is strange how the national rankings sometimes miss the mark.

The first game of the tournament saw Iowa Western take on Santa Fe Community College. While Santa Fe had held the number 1 spot in the national rankings for most of the year, they hit a cold spell and saw their season come to an end after losing their first 2 games of the tournament.

The Chattahoochie Valley Pirates were hot for the last month of the season and achieved

the top spot in the final national rankings. Chattahoochie hit a bump when they faced Iowa Western on Monday and received their first loss of the tournament. They battled back during the week and faced a strong San Jacinto team handing the Gators their first loss with a commanding 13-3 victory advancing them to the Friday night contest.

At this point, fate plays a role in the tournament. Looking back at the 2015 participants, the eventual National Champions received little respect in the season polls and finished 14th.. The 2016 season had similar results for the Yavapai Roughriders who also finished the final season rankings in the 14th spot. Could fate once again shine on the 14th spot in the national ranking?

Throughout the tournament, the Roughriders played their own brand of baseball. After winning their first game of the tournament, they suffered a loss on Monday after the Cisco Wranglers scored 5 runs in the 8th inning on their way to a 10-8 victory. Two days later, the Roughriders would again face the Cisco Wranglers in an elimination game. This rematch was a high-scoring slugfest with the teams combining for 35 hits in the game. However, the Wranglers would take the 15-14 loss while committing 4 errors.

The Roughriders would next face the Iowa Western Reivers on Thursday. The Roughriders maintained their hot streak and sent the Reivers home with a solid 7-3 victory advancing them in the bracket.

Going into the Friday night game there were 3 teams with 1 loss (Chattahoochee Valley, San Jacinto, and Yavapai). With Yavapai having played more games during the week, they drew the bye and were advanced to the Championship Game on Saturday night.

This put Chattahoochee and San Jacinto to play on Friday with the winner getting a chance to play for the national title on Saturday night. This rematch from earlier in the week would be the direct opposite from the previous game with San Jacinto shutting down the Pirates on their way to an 8-1 victory and a chance to play Yavapai for the Championship.

The championship game saw San Jacinto leading 2-0 going into the 5th inning on their quest for a 6th title. Yavapai started to move scoring 5 runs in the last half of the game while shutting down the powerful Gator offense. The 5-2 victory gave the Yavapai Roughriders their 4th National Championship.



2016 TOURNAMENT RESULTS

May 28, 2016 - Saturday
Iowa Western 4, Santa Fe 3
Chattahoochee Valley 10, Harford 2
Cisco 13, Darton State 11
Yavapai 9, Delgado 5

May 29, 2016 - Sunday
Harford 7, Santa Fe 4
(Santa Fe eliminated)
Delgado 12, Darton State 2
(Darton State eliminated)
San Jacinto 8, Cowley County 7

May 30, 2016 - Monday
Harford 14, Delgado 8
(Delgado eliminated)
Cisco 10, Yavapai 8
Iowa Western 8, Chattahoochee Valley 0

May 31, 2016 - Tuesday
Yavapai 6, Cowley County 2
(Cowley County eliminated)
Chattahoochee Valley 14, Harford 11
(Harford eliminated)
San Jacinto 13, Cisco 9

June 1, 2016 - Wednesday
Yavapai 15, Cisco 14
(Cisco eliminated)
San Jacinto 14, Iowa Western 4

June 2, 2016 - Thursday
Yavapai 7, Iowa Western 3
(Iowa Western eliminated)
Chattahoochee Valley 13, San Jacinto 3

June 3, 2016 - Friday
San Jacinto 8, Chattahoochee Valley 1
(Chattahoochee Valley eliminated)
Yavapai received a bye

June 4, 2016 - Saturday
Championship Finale
Yavapai 5, San Jacinto 2

2016 TOURNAMENT STANDINGS

1. Yavapai College 5-1
2. San Jacinto 3-2
3. Chattahoochee Valley Community College 3-2
4. Cisco College 2-2



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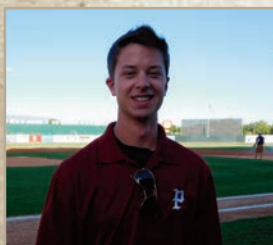
Tyler Sandoval | Colorado Mesa University (coached by Chris Hanks)

Tyler is attending Colorado Mesa University. Tyler graduated in 2014 and has been at CMU for the past two years. His baseball accomplishments include: being part of the RMAC champions in both years along with RMAC tournament champions both years. Tyler pitched in the championship game of the RMAC tournament. Academically, Tyler is a Kinesiology major with an emphasis in Secondary Education. Tyler plans to improve his skills as a catcher and pitcher and hopes to help his team chase a national championship next year.



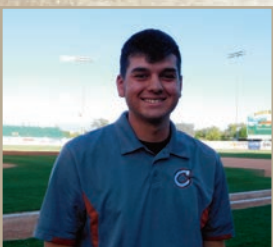
Cuba Bess | Fruita Monument High School (coached by Ray McLennan)

Cuba lettered all four years in academics, graduating with honors with a 3.5 GPA. Playing in the Area Code Games in August 2015, Cuba was the Area Code day 6 Player of the Day in the six day event. Additionally, he was honored as the South Western League player of the year in 2015 and in 2016. Last year, he played in the Colorado High School All-Star Futures Game at Coors Field, which he'll be playing in again on June 6th. Cuba will be attending Grand Canyon University in the fall.



Keenan High | Palisade High School (coached by Aaron Howard)

Keenan is a two year varsity letterman in soccer, basketball, and baseball at Palisade High School. This year Keenan had a .426 batting average and earned a First Team All-Conference selection. Keenan was also awarded First Team Academic All-State recognition. Next year, Keenan will be attending the Barrett Honors College at Arizona State University to pursue a Bachelor's degree in Chemical Engineering along with a Master's in Business Administration.



Trey Garcia | Central High School (coached by Chuck Yost)

Trey Garcia was a three sport athlete from Central High School playing golf, basketball, and baseball. He was 2nd team all-conference his sophomore year and 1st team all conference for his senior and junior years. During his senior year Trey had a batting average of .424. Trey received the Outstanding Senior Athlete of the Year award from Central High School. This summer he will be playing on the Gene Taylor's Legion baseball team once again. Trey will be attending Otero Junior College in the fall, where he will continue to develop his baseball career and further his education.



Tyler Mantlo | Grand Junction High School (coached by Justin Little)

Tyler is a pitcher and outfielder for Grand Junction High School. He is a three year Varsity letterman and has been selected for 1st Team All-Conference in the South Western League for the 2nd straight year. Tyler's ERA as a senior was 3.45. During the summer, Tyler plays for Rocky Mountain Baseball coached by Joe LeFabre. Tyler will be continuing his baseball career at Lamar Community College in the fall where he'll be studying Sports Fitness and Management.

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PARIS- 1959

GRAND JUNCTION'S FIRST CHAMPION

The headline might have started you thinking about France and the Eiffel Tower. Not this time. We are talking about Paris, Texas. Located in northeast Texas, Paris is just 15 miles from the Oklahoma state line and about 90 miles to Arkansas. For many of us, travel through Texas goes through the panhandle which is a very different environment. Paris sits in part of Texas with historical connections to old-west cattle barons. In fact, you might recognize a couple of historical figures that called Paris home. Frank James, the brother of the infamous Jesse, once called Paris his home. A larger historical figure of the area was John Chisum. You might remember that name as one of the ranchers involved in the Billy the Kid saga from the Lincoln County war in New Mexico.

Old west history can easily be found all over Texas. But in 1959, if you would have been talking junior college baseball, you might have overlooked the Dragons from Paris, Texas. Most of the junior college circuit experts always spoke of Northwestern Oklahoma A & M and Phoenix College as the favorite to win it all in the 2nd Junior College World Series which was to be played for the first time in Grand Junction, Colorado.

In what was then considered the Western Zone, the Odessa College Wranglers had advanced as the area champions and won the right to represent the Western Zone in the 2nd annual national junior college baseball tournament. However, in a strange twist of fate, Paris Junior College would represent the Western Zone and be considered the "Cinderella team" of the tournament.

We will get this story from The Paris News from 1959. With thanks to Derald Bulls of the Paris Junior College Alumni Association, copies of some of the local news articles "tell it like it is."

The 1959 JUCO Tournament would begin on Thursday, May 21, 1959. However, in an exciting announcement on Tuesday, May 12, The Paris News reported, "The announcement of the Dragons advance came via a telephone call from Odessa Junior College. ... Due to a conflict with final examinations, the heavy amount of travel involved, and other factors, Odessa Chose to step down, giving PJC a straight shot."

Coach James Self was in his first year as the head coach. Suddenly he had to make arrangements for a 965 mile road trip. As the article expresses, "His happiness was short lived" when one of his starting pitchers broke the thumb on his pitching hand during practice. This injury was going to leave the Dragons with only 2 able-bodied pitchers for the tournament. However, the player carried the best batting average on the team and Coach Self was not about to leave Paris without him. An additional concern, the team would travel to the national tournament with only 11 players.

When the tournament began, NE Oklahoma and Phoenix were both in the field. A Denver newspaper reported the odds of 13-1 that Paris would not win a game. Paris Junior College clearly became the underdog of the tournament and began their Cinderella appearance at this JUCO ball.

Paris began the tournament with a win. Their 2nd game would pit them against the Phoenix Bears. In a game that would not begin until 11:00 PM in 45 degree temperatures, Paris would edge out a 9-8 victory. Having defeated one favorite, they would have to face NE Oklahoma in the semi-final. After giving up 8 runs in the first 3 innings, Paris would bang out 16 runs in the next 5 innings for a come from behind win to advance to the championship game.

The championship game would be a rematch with NE Oklahoma A & M. The Dragons were undefeated in the double elimination tournament to give them a little breathing room. Instead of breathing, the Dragons turned on the fire and scored 14 runs in 6 innings to close out a 14-4 win when the game was stopped due to the 10-run mercy rule. They had risen to the pinnacle of the junior college baseball world in 4 straight games, with 2 pitchers, and a total of 11 players.

On May 27, 1959, The Paris News asked Coach Self to sum up their Cinderella run to the title. In a short phrase, Coach Self said, "This was our tournament. That's all there is to it."

Thank you to Deron Clark, former Athletic Director and Baseball Coach (Now at New Mexico Junior College), Derald Bulls, Director of Alumni Affairs, and to everyone at Paris Junior College for their assistance with archive material which made this story possible.



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SURPRISING JUCO HISTORY

Our story starts with the very first Junior College Championship in 1958. The tournament was sponsored by Northeastern Oklahoma College in Miami, Oklahoma. The tournament was said to be an invitational but that was not entirely true. What the original bracket does not reveal is that there were qualifying tournaments each team had to win in order to advance. Looking back, it seems routine from a basic bracket perspective. The teams that participated in the inaugural tournament were: Phoenix College, Phoenix, AZ; Cameron College, Lawton, OK; Navarro College, Corsicana, TX; Dodge City College, Dodge City, KS; Trinidad College, Trinidad, CO; Ellsworth Community College, Iowa Falls, IA; Northeastern Oklahoma College, Miami, OK; and Lamar College, Lamar, CO. In this original tournament, each team was guaranteed three games. However, a single loss eliminated any chance of winning the championship.

However, there is at least one interesting story from this tournament. Coach Ted Owens writes about that experience in part of his book, "At the Hang-up." Coach Owens tells about the Cameron College Aggies' rise from obscurity to the top of the JUCO ranks. According to the records at Cameron College, they had not fielded a baseball team from 1929-1957. After hiring Coach Owens, the college administrators discovered that their college conference did not include baseball as a competitive conference sport. As a first year team, they did not have a home field, they did not have any uniforms, they had little to no budget, and many of the baseball players would come from the football or basketball teams. The only baseball competition they had was with various units from Fort Sill Military Base.

Coach Owens tells the reader that he found out about the tournament when some of his players told him that the National Junior College Athletic Association (NJCAA) was going to hold a national championship at Northeastern Oklahoma College. Mostly to appease the players, Coach Owens called the regional NJCAA director in Amarillo, TX to find out how Cameron College could qualify. The director asked him what the team's record was and Coach Owens informed him that the Aggies had not lost to a junior college team all season. He simply did not mention that they had not played a collegiate team during the year. A couple of days later, Cameron College would receive their "invitation" to participate in a best-of-three series to begin their process to qualify for the national tournament. This was going to require that Cameron College host at least one game in the series. Suddenly, Coach Owens had to find uniforms and a respectable place to play. He was able to get some old uniforms from the military team for the athletes. He found a local seamstress to change the logos on the front of the jerseys from the military logo to the "Aggies." And he was able to find an old local baseball facility in Lawton, Oklahoma for the local game.

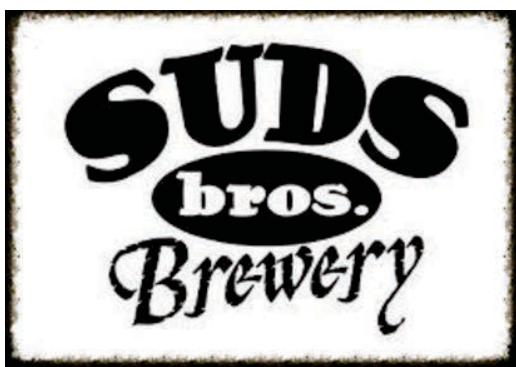
It probably surprised everyone at the school that Cameron College won that first series in two games. They next had to win another best-of-three series in order to be eligible to play in the first JUCO World Series. Once again, the Aggies prevailed and found themselves on the road to Miami, OK for the national tournament. That is a story all by itself but it did not stop there.

As you read Coach Owens' story, it is clear that the Aggies faced an uphill battle just for respect on the field. Additionally, baseball experts gave them no chance at winning during the tournament. That expectation became more evident when it was announced that Cameron College would face a national powerhouse, and a tournament favorite, Phoenix College in their first game. Historical brackets on the JUCO website confirm that Cameron shocked the NJCAA baseball world and defeated the Phoenix Bears. Their next opponent was from Navarro College. Once again the Aggies triumphed and advanced to the championship game.

The final game of the tournament would be a rivalry game with Cameron College (the underdogs) versus Northeastern Oklahoma College (another tournament favorite). If you haven't already figured it out, the Cinderella team from Cameron College finished as the tournament champion in the very first JUCO World Series. With a story like that to start, the JUCO World Series was destined for greatness.

All the back information for this story could fill a book. However, it is just one chapter in Coach Owens' book. Someday, you might even be able to see this part of our JUCO story on the big screen. There are currently plans to produce a movie about this inspirational story.

The development of the past JUCO tournaments can reveal some strange circumstances that produce some wild trivia questions. Such as, which JUCO champion qualified to play in the World Series without having ever played an official junior college game during the regular season? I guess you know the answer to that one.



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PLAYER	SCHOOL	MAJOR LEAGUE TEAM
Troy Bacon	Santa Fe College	Colorado Rockies
Aaron Bond	San Jacinto College	St Louis Cardinals
Joe Burton	Harford Community College	New York Yankees
Dom DiSabatino	Harford Community College	San Diego Padres
Nate Easley	Yavapai College	San Diego Padres
Caleb Eldridge	Cowley College	Philadelphia Phillies
Scott Engler	Cowley College	Texas Rangers
Cole Freeman	Delgado Community College	Los Angeles Dodgers
Denzell Gowdy	Darton State	San Diego Padres
Rex Hill	San Jacinto College (Texas Christian)	Kansas City Royals
Tra'Mayne Holmes	Northwest Florida (George Wallace)	Texas Rangers
Ryan January	San Jacinto College	Arizona Diamondbacks
Trent Johnson	Santa Fe College	New York Mets

PLAYER	SCHOOL	MAJOR LEAGUE TEAM
Tyler Lancaster	Spartanburg Methodist	St Louis Cardinals
Carson LaRue	Cowley College	Houston Astros
David Lee	Santa Fe College	San Francisco Giants
Brandon Montgomery	San Jacinto College	Los Angeles Dodgers
Ryan Nelson	Cisco College	Miami Marlins
Cody Nesbit	San Jacinto College	Kansas City Royals
Ramon Osuna	Walters State	Atlanta Braves
Montana Parsons	San Jacinto College	Chicago Cubs
JoJo Romero	Yavapai College	Philadelphia Phillies
Nick Shumpert	San Jacinto College	Atlanta Braves
Devin Smeltzer	San Jacinto College	Los Angeles Dodgers
Riley Smith	San Jacinto College (LA State)	Arizona Diamondbacks
Dom Thompson-Williams	Iowa Western CC (U of SC)	New York Yankees

JUCO TOURNEY PLAYERS WHO HAVE ADVANCED TO THE MAJOR LEAGUES

PLAYER	PLAYED FOR	PLAYED	PRO TEAM	SEASON
Rick Wilkins	Florida CC	1987	Chicago Cubs	1991
Rheal Cormier	CC Rhode Island	1988	St. Louis Cardinals	1991
Chad Curtis	Cochise College, AZ	1988	California Angels	1992
Jessie Hollins	San Jacinto College North, TX	1989	Chicago Cubs	1992
Albie Lopez	Mesa CC, AZ	1990	Cleveland Indians	1993
Garrey Ingram	Middle Georgia College	1990	LA Dodgers	1994
Kelly Stinnett	Seminole JC, OK	1990	NY Mets	1994
Shane Halter	Seminole JC, OK	1990	Kansas City Royals	1997
Frank Rodriguez	Howard College, TX	1991	Boston Red Sox	1995
Mark Grudzielanek	Trinidad State JC, CO	1991	Montreal Expos	1995
Matt Lawton	Mississippi Gulf Coast CC, MS	1991	Minnesota Twins	1995
Jason Dickson	Northeastern OK, A&M	1991	California Angels	1996
Steve Kline	Allegany CC, MD	1991	Cleveland Indians	1997
Paul Lo Duca	Glendale CC, AZ	1991	LA Dodgers	1998
Rob Jennings	Manatee JC, FL	1991	Chicago Cubs	1996
Ron Hahay	South Suburban CC, IL	1991	Boston Red Sox	1996
Chad Fonville	Louisburg JC, NC	1992	Montreal Expos	1995
George Arias	Pima CC, AZ	1992	California Angels	1996
Ryan Franklin	Seminole JC, OK	1992	Seattle Mariners	1999
Darrell Einertson	Indian Hills CC, IA	1992	NY Yankees	1999
Rafael Carmona	Indian Hills, CC, IA	1993	Seattle Mariners	1995
Lou Collier	Triton College, IL	1993	Pittsburgh Pirates	1997
Keith Foulke	Galveston College, TX	1993	San Francisco Giants	1997
Jose Rosado	Galveston College, TX	1994	Kansas City Royals	1996
Donzell McDonald	Trinidad State JC, CO	1994	NY Yankees	2001
Gabe Molina	Trinidad State JC, CO	1994	Baltimore Orioles	1999
Lance Carter	Manatee JC, FL	1994	Kansas City Royals	1999
Eric Gagne	Seminole JC, OK	1995	LA Dodgers	1999
Jim Chamblee	Odessa JC, TX	1995	Cincinnati Reds	2003
Jose Rodriguez	Indian Hills CC, IA	1995	St. Louis Cardinals	2000
Ramon Vazquez	Indian Hills CC, IA	1995	Seattle Mariners	2001
Joe Nelson	Seminole JC, OK	1995	Atlanta Braves	2001
Shawn Sedlacek	Indian Hills CC, IA	1995	Kansas City Royals	2003
Jason Smith	Meridian CC, MS	1996	Chicago Cubs	2001
Paul Phillips	Meridian CC, MS	1996	Kansas City Royals	2004

PLAYER	PLAYED FOR	PLAYED	PRO TEAM	SEASON
Travis Hafner	Cowley County CC, KS	1997	Texas Rangers	2002
Mike Gonzales	San Jacinto College North, TX	1997	Pittsburgh Pirates	2003
Travis Hughes	Cowley County CC, KS	1997	Texas Rangers	2004
Aaron Loooper	Indian Hills CC, IA	1998	Seattle Mariners	2003
Bill White	Meridian CC, MS	1998	Texas Rangers	2007
Cliff Lee	Meridian CC, MS	1998	Cleveland Indians	2002
Jessie Crain	San Jacinto College North, TX	1999	Minnesota Twins	2004
John Lackey	Grayson County College, TX	1999	Anaheim Angels	2002
Brandon Lyon	Dixie College, UT	2000	Toronto Blue Jays	2002
Adam LaRoche	Seminole JC, OK	2000	Atlanta Braves	2004
Reggie Willits	Seminole JC, OK	2000	LA Angels	2006
Brad Thompson	Dixie College, UT	2001	St. Louis Cardinals	2005
Brandon McCarthy	Lamar CC, CO	2002	Chicago White Sox	2005
Matt Pagnozzi	Central Arizona College	2002	St. Louis Cardinals	2009
Nick Stavino	San Jacinto College North, TX	2002	St. Louis Cardinals	2008
Andy LaRoche	Grayson County College, TX	2003	LA Dodgers	2007
George Kottares	Connors State College, OK	2003	Milwaukee Brewers	2011
Andy Dirks	Hutchinson CC, KS	2005	Detroit Tigers	2011
Derrick Holland	Wallace State CC, AL	2006	Texas Rangers	2009
Jake Elmore	Wallace Community College	2006	AZ Diamondbacks	2012
Brandon Belt	San Jacinto College North, TX	2007	SF Giants	2011
Josh Spence	Central Arizona, AZ	2008	San Diego Padres	2011
Bryce Harper	College of Southern NV, NV	2010	Washington Nationals	2012
Trevor Rosenthal	Cowley County College, KS	2009	St Louis Cardinals	2012
Lucas Leutge	San Jacinto College North, TX	2006	Seattle Mariners	2012
David Carpenter	New Mexico Junior College, NM	2007	Los Angeles Angels	2012
Sean Nolin	San Jacinto College - North X	2009	Toronto Blue Jays	2013
Burch Smith	Howard College, TX	2009	San Diego Padres	2013
Donn Roach	College of Southern NV, NV	2010	San Diego Padres	2014
Chasen Shreve	College of Southern NV, NV	2010	Atlanta Braves	2014
David Rollins	San Jacinto College	2011	Seattle Mariners	2015
Keon Broxton	Santa Fe College	2009	Pittsburg Pirates	2015
Alec Asher	Polk State College	2012	Philadelphia Phillies	2015
Matthew Strahm	Neosho County CC	2012	Kansas City Royals	2016

The JUCO Program Committee has assembled this list of players who have participated in the World Series and who have played in a Major League Baseball game. The total number of players, who reached the major league level, hit 100 on the 50th anniversary of the tournament. This is a partial list of JUCO history. To see the full list, visit JUCOGJ.org. The definition of a Major League player is to have played in a regular season game for any Major League team. If you know of any player who is not listed, please contact us at info@jucogj.org with information including the college and which year. The list includes the college, year played in Grand Junction and the first team/year he reached the Major Leagues.



**COWLEY
COUNTY
COMMUNITY
COLLEGE
TIGERS**

Arkansas City, Kansas
Number of Times Qualified at JUCO: 8
Number of Championships: 2

CENTRAL DISTRICT

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NO	PLAYER'S NAME	POS	HT	WT	BAT-THROW	BA-PR	CLASS	B-DATE	HOMETOWN
1	Joel Spain	OF	5'10"	180	R/R	0.277	SO	1/4/97	Lawrence, KS
2	Dalton Dinkel	C	6'0"	200	R/R	0.377	FR	12/14/97	Wichita, KS
3	Kea'von Edwards	INF	6'1"	185	R/R	0.362	FR	3/5/98	Putnam City, OK
5	Ben Strahm	RHP	6'4"	200	R/R	8-3	SO	12/16/96	West Fargo, ND
6	Trevor Nance	RHP	6'5"	220	R/R	4-0	SO	12/20/96	Wellington, KS
7	Reid Fehr	OF	5'11"	200	R/R	0.247	SO	11/14/96	Topeka, KS
9	Josh Limes	LHP	6'1"	190	L/L	3-1	SO	5/28/96	Tulsa, OK
10	Jacob Means	INF	6'2"	205	R/R	0.381	SO	4/14/96	Gardner, KS
11	Mason LeClair	RHP	6'2"	170	R/R	3-0	SO	1/8/97	Mulvane, KS
12	Dalton Lanpher	INF/P	6'1"	185	R/R	0.231	FR	9/10/97	Kansas City, MO
13	Ryan Knowles	RHP	5'11"	185	R/R	5-3	SO	5/28/96	Jacksonville, FL
14	Ross Messina	OF	6'1"	190	R/R	0.324	FR	9/26/97	Kansas City, MO
17	Matt Krutsch	LHP	5'10"	165	L/L	4-1	SO	10/3/96	Essex, ON
18	Bret Fehr	OF	6'2"	205	L/L	0.366	SO	7/31/95	Manhattan, KS
19	Jared Demmel	RHP	6'2"	185	R/R	1-2	FR	5/3/98	Overland Park, KS
20	Jacob Ruder	RHP	6'7"	220	R/R	5-2	SO	10/24/96	Nixa, MO
21	John Bouschelle	RHP	6'7"	200	R/R	0-1	FR	4/29/97	Fayetteville, AR
22	Brooks Zimmerman	OF	6'2"	210	R/R	0.391	SO	11/5/96	Stillwater, OK
23	Caleb Rogge	RHP	6'3"	190	R/R	3-0	FR	5/27/98	St. George, KS
24	Garrett Hutson	RHP	6'1"	215	R/R	6-2	SO	10/28/96	El Dorado, KS
25	Brendan Ezell	C	5'11"	205	R/R	0.184	FR	9/13/97	Edmond, OK
26	Connor Litton	INF	6'3"	215	R/R	0.325	SO	1/14/97	Warfordsburg, PA
27	Payne McCutcheon	C	6'2"	215	R/R	0.292	SO	7/8/96	Olathe, KS
32	Mark Hartley	RHP	6'4"	190	R/R	1-0	FR	8/28/98	Wichita, KS
34	Jack Duke	OF	6'3"	225	R/R	0.231	FR	10/30/97	Overland Park, KS
35	Skyler Proctor	RHP	6'5"	170	R/R	0-1	FR	8/18/97	Topeka, KS



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Neosho, Missouri
Number of Times Qualified at JUCO: 2
Number of Championships: 0

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NO	PLAYER'S NAME	POS	HT	WT	BAT-THROW	BA-PR	CLASS	B-DATE	HOMETOWN
1	Jacob Adams	IF	5'10	165	L-R	.373	So	8/19/96	Conway, Arkansas
2	Bailey Jenkins	IF	5'9	160	R-R	.000	So	11/27/95	Rogersville, Missouri
3	Michael Miller	C	5'11	195	R-R	.278	Fr	2/11/97	Blytheville, Arkansas
4	Elvis Peralta	IF	5'8	160	L-R	.369	So	12/7/96	Lowell, Massachusetts
5	Jacob Charron	C	5'9	180	R-R	.217	So	5/7/96	Ottawa, Ontario
6	Nate Alberius	IF/RHP	6'0	200	R-R	3-0	So	8/5/96	Little Rock, Arkansas
7	Kobe Morris	IF	6'3	185	L-R	.358	Fr	5/7/98	Victoria, British Columbia
8	Luke Price	OF	6'1	190	R-R	.344	Fr	12/11/1997	Dover, Arkansas
9	Kyle Blackwell	OF	5'6	170	L-R	.263	So	9/8/95	Waterdown, Ontario
12	Tyler Duncan	OF	6'3	190	L-R	.377	Fr	8/26/98	Sooke, British Columbia
13	Patrick Flanagan	RHP	5'11	170	R-R	1-0	Fr	3/2/98	Texarkana, Arkansas
14	Cyprienne Dussenne	RHP	6'2	175	R-R	0-0	Fr	9/5/97	Montreal, Quebec
15	Cameron Witt	OF	5'11	185	L-L	.290	Fr	12/16/97	Monett, Missouri
16	Colton Larkins	LHP	6'1	175	L-L	2-1	So	2/3/97	Lee's Summit, Missouri
17	Ty Harris	LHP	6'1	185	L-L	3-0	So	10/26/96	Rogers, Arkansas
18	Michael Marra	RHP	6'0	195	R-R	1-0	Fr	7/14/96	Kansas City, Missouri
21	Joey Conner	LHP	6'2	205	L-L	10-2	So	6/9/97	Warsaw, Missouri
22	EJ Scott	LHP	6'1	200	L-L	1-0	Fr	6/23/98	Little Rock, Arkansas
25	Kyle Wilson	RHP	6'2	200	R-R	3-1	Fr	9/27/96	Raymore, Missouri
26	Aaron Ashby	LHP	6'1	165	L-L	6-0	Fr	5/24/98	Kansas City, Missouri
27	Brady Bradshaw	IF	6'4	245	R-R	.235	So	12/9/96	Noble, Oklahoma
28	Kyle MacDonald	IF	6'3	215	L-R	.346	So	6/17/96	Mississauga, Ontario
29	Zach Jackson	RHP	6'0	240	R-R	11-2	Fr	2/3/98	Bryant, Arkansas
30	Jack Jumper	RHP	6'3	185	R-R	2-0	Fr	2/23/98	Benton, Arkansas
33	Lance Harville-Thomas	OF	6'1	230	R-R	.220	Fr	3/1/98	Little Rock, Arkansas
34	Adam Scoggins	LHP	6'3	210	L-L	1-0	Fr	1/21/98	Springdale, Arkansas

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DYERSBURG STATE COMMUNITY COLLEGE EAGLES

Dyersburg, Tennessee
Number of Times Qualified at JUCO: 1
Number of Championships: 0

EAST CENTRAL DISTRICT

Team Sponsor	Safeway - Horizon Drive - Shane
Team Host	Orchard Mesa Lions Club Bruce Veatch & Mike Bussey
Team Hotel	Grand Junction Double Tree Hotel

Head Coach: Robert White | Season Record: 48-7

NO	PLAYER'S NAME	POS	HT	WT	BAT-THROW	BA-PR	CLASS	B-DATE	HOMETOWN
1	Jordan Hazlewood	C	6'0"	160 lbs	R/R	N/A	FR	03.27.98	Martin, TN
2	LaDarius Williams	1B/LHP	5'11"	195 lbs	L/L	.338/2-1	FR	10.31.97	Brighton, TN
3	Kameron Armstrong	INF	6'0"	170 lbs	R/R	.340	SO	09.05.96	Conway, GA
5	Andrew Swanson	OF	6'3"	215 lbs	R/R	.376	FR	07.25.96	Alpharetta, GA
6	John Ham	2B/SS	5'10"	185 lbs	R/R	.416	SO	08.27.96	Miami, FL
7	Chandler Adkins	OF/C	6'1"	210 lbs	S/R	.325	FR	07.14.96	Knoxville, TN
10	Trey Pusser	RHP	5'10"	185 lbs	R/R	0-0	FR	04.09.98	Jackson, TN
11	Hakeem Stargell	INF	5'10"	185 lbs	R/R	.333	SO	05.29.96	LaGrange, GA
12	Jared Schmidt	3B	6'3"	230 lbs	R/R	.317	SO	03.10.97	Cordova, TN
14	Bentley Jones	C	6'0"	200 lbs	R/R	.389	SO	08.18.96	Brighton, TN
15	Steven Armstrong	RHP	6'1"	175 lbs	R/R	2-0	SO	01.30.97	Dyersburg, TN
16	Tyrek White	RHP	6'2"	200 lbs	R/R	1-0	FR	04.14.97	Nashville, TN
20	Hagan Severance	OF	6'0"	195 lbs	R/R	.326	FR	12.04.97	Nashville, TN
22	Christian Halterman	INF	6'3"	210 lbs	R/R	.194	SO	01.04.97	Dyersburg, TN
24	Ronnie Broyles	RHP	6'1"	195 lbs	R/R	10-1	SO	11.04.92	Knoxville, TN
26	Chase Slone	SS/RHP	6'0"	170 lbs	R/R	.395/2-0	SO	05.18.96	Murfreesboro, TN
28	Seth Wyse	LHP	5'11"	165 lbs	L/L	9-1	FR	06.01.98	Nashville, TN
29	Hunter Pope	RHP	6'0"	200 lbs	R/R	3-1	FR	08.22.96	Lexington, TN
31	Mitchell Lovell	RHP	6'1"	208 lbx	R/R	1-1	SO	07.08.96	Nashville, TN
32	Braden Lott	3B	5'11"	220 lbs	R/R	N/A	FR	05.28.98	Decaturville, TN
36	Ross Ledford	1B	6'3"	215 lbs	R/R	N/A	FR	06.26.97	Knoxville, TN
37	Bretton Hazlewood	RHP	6'2"	200 lbs	R/R	1-0	SO	07.25.96	Martin, TN
40	Seth Hougesen	LHP	6'2"	190 lbs	L/L	14-0	SO	04.25.97	Indianapolis, IN
43	Kolton Childress	RHP	6'4"	235 lbs	R/R	3-2	SO	08.18.97	Mason, TN
46	Elijah Bean	OF	6'1"	180 lbs	R/R	.500	FR	11.09.96	Coalmont, TN

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Florence, South Carolina
Number of Times Qualified at JUCO: 1
Number of Championships: 0

EASTERN DISTRICT

Team Sponsor	Delta Disaster Services - Amy Milyard
Team Host	Redlands Rotary Club Don Pettygrove & Wayne Kennedy
Team Hotel	Clarion Inn

Head Coach: Preston McDonald | Season Record: 42-17

NO	PLAYER'S NAME	POS	HT	WT	BAT-THROW	BA-PR	CLASS	B-DATE	HOMETOWN
2	Keshaun Samuel	INF	5'10	165	R/R	0.301	R-SO	2/27/96	Darlington, SC
3	Javon Martin	INF	6'	187	R/R	0.357	SO	12/6/96	Sumter, SC
4	Tyler Crowe	OF	5'10	166	R/R	0.330	SO	6/14/97	Greer, SC
5	Dante Blakeney	OF	5'9	174	L/R	0.343	FR	2/8/98	Pageland, SC
6	Trent Autry	RHP	6'1	222	R/R	6-2	R-FR	8/12/97	Chester, SC
7	Tradd James	RHP	5'8	175	R/R	2-1	FR	7/4/98	Sumter, SC
8	Steven Cox	INF/OF	6'	196	R/R	0.299	SO	11/6/96	Kingstree, SC
9	Caleb Nobles	INF/OF	5'10	166	R/R	0.213	FR	8/10/98	Aynor, SC
11	Mark Leonard	RHP	6'2	198	R/R	5-2	FR	10/30/97	Lexington, KY
13	Michael Varga	C	6'	205	R/R	0.250	SO	3/13/97	Ashford, CT
14	Tyler Anshaw	INF	6'2	197	L/R	0.328	SO	8/14/97	Port St. Lucie, FL
15	Connor Pett	1B/OF	6'4	209	R/R	0.282	FR	10/23/97	Mundelein, IL
16	Kaleb Williams	C	6'	169	R/R	0.294	FR	1/18/98	McColl, SC
17	Josh Price	RHP	6'2	180	R/R	2-1	FR	1/5/98	Dillon, SC
18	Kam Dixon	RHP	6'	167	R/R	3-1	R-SO	3/6/96	Darlington, SC
19	Carson Rogers	RHP	6'	150	R/R	2-1	FR	11/12/97	Mullins, SC
22	Will Strong	RHP	5'11	209	R/R	8-3	FR	4/8/98	Ashland, VA
23	Tanner Myatt	RHP	6'6	217	R/R	3-2	FR	5/21/98	Spring Lake, NC
24	Wesley Brooks	C/1B	6'2	240	R/R	0.255	FR	6/18/98	Suwanee, GA
25	Blake Whiting	RHP	6'7	214	R/R	0-1	FR	7/27/98	Kennesaw, GA
26	Mackenzie Dunlop	RHP	6'1	230	R/R	0-0	SO	3/20/95	Dover Plains, NY
29	Blake Therrian	RHP	6'4	216	R/R	1-1	R-FR	12/19/96	Portage, MI
31	Jay Causey	LHP	6'3	246	L/L	0-1	R-FR	1/20/97	Conway, SC
33	Maxx Mahon	1B	6'1	265	R/R	0.222	SO	2/20/97	Nicholasville, KY
35	Alex Hursey	LHP	6'4	197	L/L	8-1	SO	3/18/97	Summerville, SC
37	Harrison Hawkins	INF/OF	6'2	197	R/R	0.338	FR	1/28/98	Bishopville, SC



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Waco, Texas

Number of Times Qualified at JUCO: 6

Number of Championships: 1

SOUTHWESTERN DISTRICT

Team Sponsor	The Foreign Aid - Steve Stewart
Team Host	Grand Junction Lions Club Steve Stewart & Ben Mueller
Team Hotel	Holiday Inn

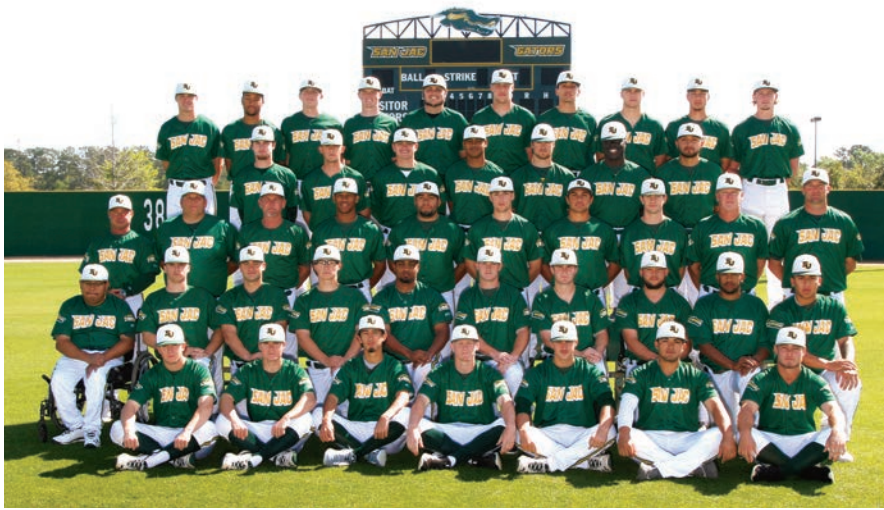
Head Coach: Mitch Thompson | Season Record: 51-11

NO	PLAYER'S NAME	POS	HT	WT	BAT-THROW	BA-PR	CLASS	B-DATE	HOMETOWN
3	Josh Breaux	C/RHP	6'1"	225	R/R	.400 0-0, 2	Fr.	10/7/97	Tomball, TX
4	Mario Vela	IF	5'11"	160	R/R	.279	So.	1/2/96	Mission, TX
7	Chris Roller	OF	5'11"	180	R/R	.414	So.	10/8/96	Austin, TX
9	Brendan Venter	3B	6'1"	220	R/R	.362	So.	9/26/96	Flower Mound, TX
10	Nick Thornquist	C	5'8"	175	R/R	.357	Fr.	9/23/97	Flower Mound, TX
11	Jase Embry	RHP	6'3"	240	R/R	8-2	Fr.	10/30/97	Axtell, TX
12	Griffin Williams	IF/OF	6'2"	180	L/R	.241	So.	4/24/97	Austin, TX
14	Bailey Horn	LHP	6'1"	185	L/L	7-0	Fr.	1/15/98	West, TX
15	Jackson Nichols	C	5'9"	185	R/R	.239	Fr.	11/17/97	Nacogdoches, TX
16	George Callil	SS	6'3"	175	R/R	.310	Fr.	7/22/97	Melbourne, Australia
21	Nick Urbantke	LHP	6'1"	200	L/L	2-2	Fr.	12/10/97	Lorena, TX
22	Nic Motley	C	6'3"	205	R/R	.328	So.	8/1/96	Southlake, TX
23	Griffin Paxton	IF	6'2"	195	L/R	.300	Fr.	8/29/97	West, TX
27	Joe Breaux	OF	5'11"	200	L/R	.351	So.	6/10/96	Tomball, TX
28	Connor Heffron	LHP	5'10"	185	L/L	1-0	Fr.	9/25/97	San Antonio, TX
30	Hunter Spaeth	RHP	6'5"	220	R/R	2-0	So.	3/3/96	Lubbock, TX
31	Brock Morrison	1B	6'0"	220	R/R	.315	So.	6/17/96	Stephenville, TX
32	Keaton Milford	1B	6'2"	217	L/R	.125	Fr.	11/25/97	New Braunfels, TX
34	Kyrell Miller	RHP	6'5"	205	R/R	6-1	RFr.	4/12/96	Buffalo, TX
36	Cole Haring	OF	5'10"	175	R/R	.358	So.	5/18/97	Katy, TX
37	Brady Childress	LHP	5'11"	205	L/L	2-1	Fr.	4/8/98	Georgetown, TX
38	Chase Sortor	1B	6'1"	230	R/R	.304	RFr.	3/31/97	Belton, TX
42	Michael Cugini	LHP	6'5"	205	L/L	1-0	So.	4/16/97	Tomball, TX
44	Logan Freeman	RHP	6'1"	200	R/R	6-1	Fr.	9/1/97	Buffalo, TX
46	Palmer Wenzel	RHP	6'1"	170	R/R	5-2, 8	So.	2/11/97	Boerne, TX
47	Jason Blanchard	LHP	5'10"	170	L/L	7-0	So.	6/25/97	Kingwood, TX



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Number of Championships: 5

SOUTHERN DISTRICT

Team Sponsor

Sorter Construction - Bill Ogle

Team Host

Horizon Sunrise Rotary Club
Bill Voss & Lindsay Keller

Team Hotel

Holiday Inn

Head Coach: Tom Arrington | Season Record: 43-16

NO	PLAYER'S NAME	POS	HT	WT	BAT-THROW	BA-PR	CLASS	B-DATE	HOMETOWN
2	Wyatt Cross	C/RHP	6'3"	200	L/R	.250/ 0 - 0	S	9/7/96	Broomfield, CO
3	Tristan Metten	OF/INF	6'1"	185	R/R	.320	S	4/8/96	Lewisville, TX
5	Mike Pascoe	RHP	5'11"	170	R/R	0 - 1	F	1/17/98	Poughkeepsie, NY
7	Herbert Iser	C/1B	6'3"	207	L/R	.282	F	12/14/97	Miami, FL
9	Sergio Macias	SS/RHP	5'10"	185	L/R	.224 / 0 - 2	F	3/24/97	Laredo, TX
10	Tanner Schuetz	UTI	5'9"	185	R/R	.277	S	8/6/96	Sugar Land, TX
12	Devon Roedahl	RHP	6'2"	205	R/R	3 - 0 - 1	F	11/29/96	Beaumont, TX
13	Lukas Veinbergs	RHP	6'1"	190	R/R	0 - 1	F	2/12/97	Pinckney, MI
16	Aaron Bond	OF	6'4"	185	L/R	.363	S	2/16/97	South Bend, IN
18	Mario Morales	1B	6'0"	200	L/R	.299	F	2/19/98	Baytown, TX
21	Michael Smith	OF	5'11"	165	L/L	.330	S	5/30/97	Magnolia, TX
22	Jacob Cantleberry	LHP	6'1"	180	L/L	11 - 1	F	8/8/97	Greenwoog, IN
23	Brett Wright	C	5'11"	210	R/R	.277	S	8/5/95	New Caney, TX
25	Benjamin Butler	LHP	6'1"	180	L/L	0 - 0	S	2/14/97	Houston, TX
27	Hunter McClellan	RHP	6'2"	170	R/R	4 - 2	S	11/17/96	Nacogdoches, TX
28	Nick Perez	INF	6'2"	200	R/R	.323	S	9/9/96	Manor, TX
29	Aaron George	RHP	6'5"	225	R/R	0 - 0 - 7	F	6/23/97	Calhoun, LA
30	Jerry Maddox	RHP	6'0"	195	R/R	0 - 0	S	8/7/96	Dayton, TX
31	Ryan Johnson	OF	6'3"	205	L/R	.301	S	8/2/96	College Station, TX
33	MacGregor Hines	RHP	6'0"	200	R/R	10 - 3	F	9/27/95	College Station, TX
36	Kaleb Roper	RHP	6'2"	180	R/R	8 - 3	S	11/22/95	Kenner, LA
38	Ben Gilliland	RHP	6'4"	195	R/R	1 - 1 - 1	F	7/23/98	Middletown, CT
39	Jesse Ray Garcia	UTI	5'10"	155	R/R	.179	F	1/13/98	Robstown, TX
40	Donny Diaz	RHP	6'0"	200	R/R	2 - 0 - 8	S	1/29/96	Kingsville, TX
47	Luke Watson	INF	6'1"	185	R/R	.412	S	10/30/96	Cypress, TX
50	Taylor Rich	LHP	6'2"	170	L/L	0 - 0 - 1	F	11/17/94	Lovelady, TX



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Henderson, Nevada

Number of Times Qualified at JUCO: 3

Number of Championships: 1

WESTERN DISTRICT

Team Sponsor	Mays Concrete - Jeff Carpenter
Team Host	Grand Junction Rotary Club Barbara Traylor Smith & Dave Huerkamp
Team Hotel	Marriot Courtyard

Head Coach: Nick Garritano | Season Record: 45-16

NO	PLAYER'S NAME	POS	HT	WT	BAT-THROW	BA-PR	CLASS	B-DATE	HOMETOWN
3	Trevor Mullaney	RHP	6' 2"	195	R/R	1W 1L	So	6/12/97	Henderson, NV
5	Cody Milner	C	5' 10"	190	R/R	0.365	R-So	11/15/95	Henderson, NV
7	Christian Maggi	OF	6' 0"	185	L/R	0.308	R-So	6/23/95	Phoenix, AZ
8	Timmy Burtzloff	RHP	5' 10"	190	R/R	2W 2L	So	8/17/96	Thousand Oaks, CA
9	Jason Wallace	INF	6' 2"	230	R/R	0.291	So	7/16/97	Fontana, CA
10	Jay Martz	IF	6' 4"	190	R/R	0.246	R-So	12/21/95	Las Vegas, NV
11	Kaid Urban	OF	6' 1"	185	L/R	0.262	R-So	1/2/96	Las Vegas, NV
13	Herbie Good	RHP	6' 8"	265	R/R	3W 1L	R-Fr	4/2/97	Auburn, WA
14	Blake Inouye	RHP	6' 1"	190	R/R	6W 2L	So	5/25/96	Las Vegas, NV
15	Jarrett Perns	OF	6' 1"	180	R/R	0.292	So	10/11/96	Henderson, NV
16	Jordan Macias	INF	5' 8"	160	R/R	0.339	Fr	9/1/98	Ewa Beach, HI
18	Peyton Koopman	OF	5' 11"	225	R/R	0.314	Fr	10/6/97	Boulder City, NV
19	Alex Tisminezyk	RHP	5' 11"	175	R/R	4W 1L	Fr	6/11/98	Las Vegas, NV
20	Ryan Jackson	LHP	6' 4"	205	L/L	0.375	R-So	6/19/96	Las Vegas, NV
21	Dillon Johnson	INF	6' 0"	195	R/R	0.281	So	1/15/97	Las Vegas, NV
23	Blake Wiggins	INF/OF	6' 1"	205	R/R	0.267	R-So	3/1/96	Little Rock, AR
24	Michael Camburn	C	6' 1"	185	R/R	0.255	Fr	9/7/97	Las Vegas, NV
26	Todd Danzeisen	LHP	5' 11"	170	L/L	9W 1L	So	4/27/97	Las Vegas, NV
27	Dan Skelly	RHP	6' 2"	205	R/R	3W 3L	R-So	4/25/96	Las Vegas, NV
28	Isaiah Blaylock	RHP	6' 4"	200	R/R	9W 3L	Fr	5/10/97	Las Vegas, NV
29	Bryce Bartlett	RHP	6' 2"	185	R/R	1W 0L	Fr	4/14/97	Searcy, AR
31	Justin Lutes	UTLY	6' 0"	210	L/L	0.382	Fr	11/13/97	Las Vegas, NV
32	Nicco Festa	C	5' 10"	190	R/R	0.257	So	2/27/97	Las Vegas, NV
33	Joey O'Brien	UTLY	6' 2"	195	R/R	0.372	Fr	11/28/97	Okinawa, Japan
37	Ben Cutting	LHP	6' 1"	170	L/L	6 W 1 L	So	7/5/97	Las Vegas, NV
41	Tyce O'Neill	LHP	6' 3"	175	R/L	0W 0L	Fr	1/8/97	Highlands Ranch, CO



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Mount Carmel, IL
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 Number of Championships: 0

NORTHERN DISTRICT

Team Sponsor	US Bank - Randall Cupp
Team Host	Grand Jct. Kiwanis Golden K Club John Bachelder and Richard Specht
Team Hotel	Grand Vista Hotel

Head Coach: Rob Fournier | Season Record: 48-13

NO	PLAYER'S NAME	POS	HT	WT	BAT-THROW	BA-PR	CLASS	B-DATE	HOMETOWN
1	Fernando Ortiz	INF	5'10"	175	R/R	0.364	SO	9/9/96	Comerio, Puerto Rico
2	Tavon Lindsay	OF	6'0"	180	L/L	0.296	SO	3/29/96	Broward County, FL
4	Bailey Montgomery	UTL	5'10"	180	R/R	0.328	SO	12/9/96	Vincennes, IN
5	Noah Etchison	C	6'0"	185	R/R	0.321	SO	5/6/96	Pendleton, IN
6	Logan Parrett	RHP	6'0"	170	R/R	3-0.	SO	10/24/94	Versailles, KY
7	Diego Pichardo	OF/INF	5'11"	195	R/L	0.355	SO	6/1/93	Santo Domingo, DR
8	Collin Luty	INF	5'9"	175	R/R	0.337	SO	9/16/96	Milwaukee, WI
10	Jared Proctor	LHP	5'10"	175	L/L	4-2.	SO	7/17/96	Bardstown, KY
11	Jarrold Watkins	SS	5'11"	170	L/R	0.340	SO	4/25/97	Washington, IL
12	Braden Giroux	OF	6'0"	180	L/L	0.306	SO	4/10/96	Lafayette, IN
13	Jordaly Vasquez	C	6'1"	205	R/R	0.200	FR	11/24/96	Boston, Massachusetts
16	Aaron McGeorge	RHP	5'11"	165	R/R	4-3.	SO	10/12/96	Lexington, KY
21	Romero Harris	1B	5'11"	205	R/R	0.332	SO	3/10/96	Canton, OH
22	David Rodriguez	OF	5'11"	190	L/L	0.373	SO	7/18/96	Santo Domingo, DR
24	Trey Beckman	OF	6'0"	200	L/L	0.316	SO	8/27/96	Cedar Rapids, IA
25	Malcolm Grady	RHP	6'4"	200	R/R	6-4.	SO	10/13/96	Chicago, IL
26	Giovannie Nieves	RHP	5'8"	165	R/R	4-0.	FR	5/30/97	Vega Baja, PR
28	Jacob Kalusniak	C	5'11"	180	R/R	0.342	FR	5/30/98	Saint Louis, MO
29	Austen Bullington	RHP	6'3"	175	R/R	0-0	SO	5/15/97	Newburgh, IN
31	Max Roberts	LHP	6'5"	185	R/L	9-1.	FR	7/23/97	Vaporaíso, IN
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34	Michael Rodriguez	INF	6'1"	205	L/R	0.333	SO	8/15/94	Santo Domingo, DR
36	Alex Lee	RHP	6'1"	195	R/R	1-1.	SO	9/8/96	Plover, WI
41	Korren Thompson	LHP	6'5"	240	R/L	3-1.	FR	6/26/98	Cincinnati, OH
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7	John Mason	RHP	6'0	205	R/R	0-2	So	10/13/95	Valrico, FL
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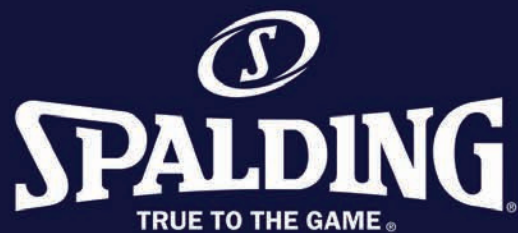
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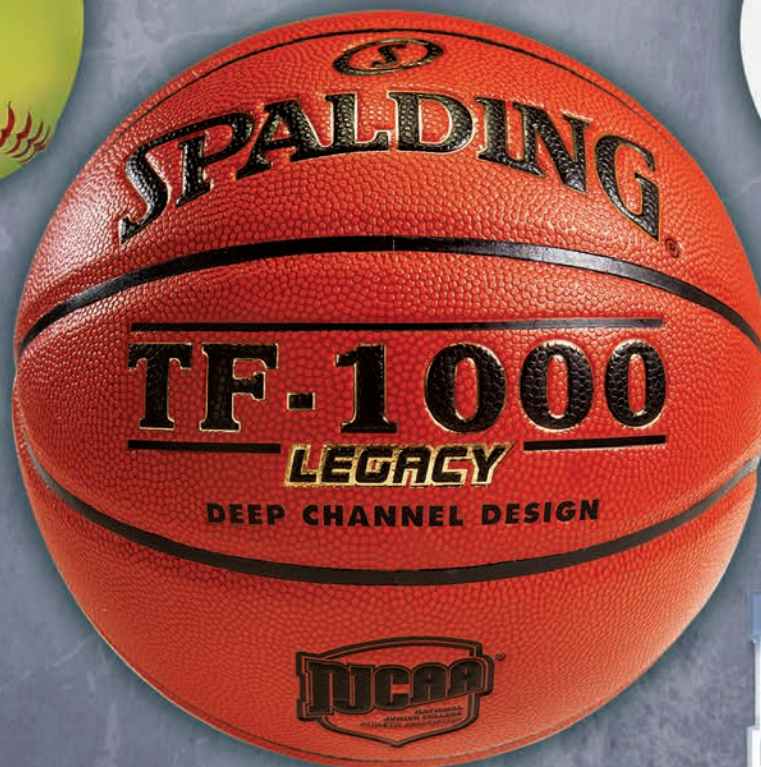
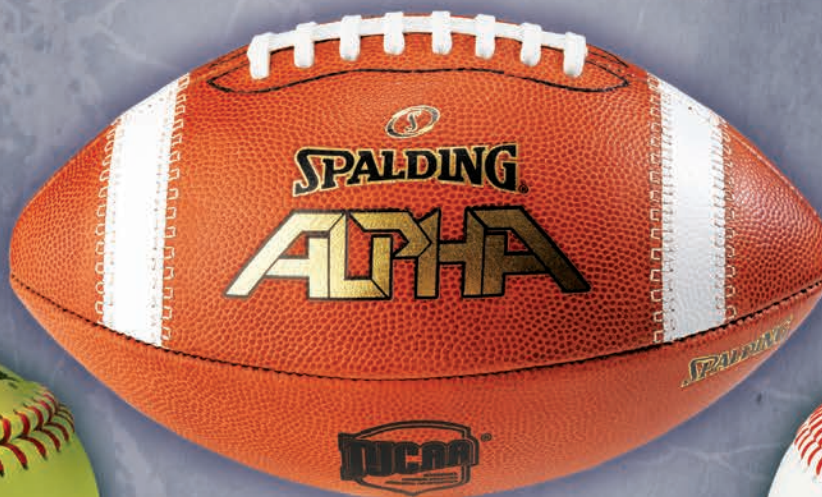
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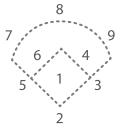


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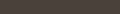
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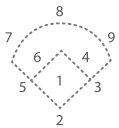
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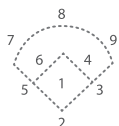
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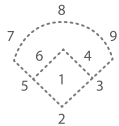
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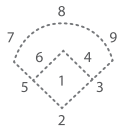
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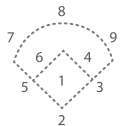
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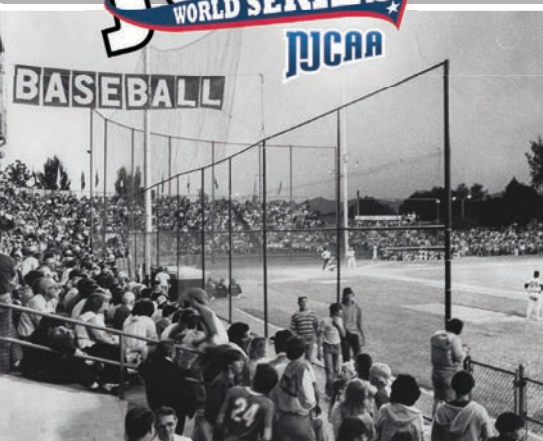


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JUCO MEMORIES

Memories of Maverick Baseball and the JUCO World Series of 1961

Competing in the tournament in 1960 and 1961 was a very exciting and special stage for our Mesa College teammates. Partway through our 1961 schedule, we became aware that we had a very good club and felt we could be competitive on a national level. We were competitive playing against some very good baseball teams, such as Air Force Academy, Colorado State College, currently University of Northern Colorado, and Brigham Young University. BYU's only loss during the season was to #1 ranked USC. We lost to BYU by a score of 2-1 in 10 innings and 4-3 in 7 innings.

Coach Bergman had recruited well for the 1961 season. Two recruits from Queens, NY had the top batting averages and were tops in homes for the regular season. From Chicago, Pete Loverich and Jim Brenneman teamed up to be dominant pitchers for us. Both went on to play Major League Baseball.

Our first game in 1961 was against Manatee. Brenneman pitched a 9-inning, 2-hit shutout for a 4-0 Maverick win. Next was Wright Junior College. We won the game 10-2 with Lovrich picking up the win. We lost our next game against Wilmington, NC 16-9 but bounced back to defeat Manatee a second time in a close 3-2 game. We again faced Wilmington with the winner earning the JUCO National Championship. With both top pitchers unavailable, we were unable to shut down the Wilmington offense and lost the championship game 8-3.

Our record that season was 19 wins and 7 losses which pales compared to the number of games played in a season today. There were many good memories for us in the 1961 season.

We had terrific support and comradery with our local radio and newspaper media. Names to be remembered are Frank Gibbs, Gene Rozell, and Joe Much. We can't forget the support from Sam Suplizio who provided lots of help to our team during practice and the support of our local fans and sponsors were memorable. Playing for Coach Bergman at Mesa Junior College was an honor and a pleasure and provided some wonderful memories.

Another great JUCO memory was having Vernon (Lefty) Gomez at the tournament banquet. Gomez was a former Yankees pitcher who was known as a real comedian. His baseball stories kept the audience at the Bookcliff Country Club laughing and highly entertained. It was a night to remember.

Although we lost in the championship game, I think the experiences we came away with from the 1961 JUCO tournament were priceless.

Bill Frank, Grand Junction

The Veterans Experience

I had the opportunity to take two Santa Fe College teams to the JUCO World Series (2009, 2016). The drive across the Rockies, the great fans, wonderful hosts, and the great competition were all great memories. But the best memory would be in our first trip (2009) we had an opportunity to visit the VA Hospital in Grand Junction. Wow - what an experience for me, my coaches, and our players! We talked to guys that had served in all branches of the military and had been in World War II, Vietnam and Korea. We began to realize how lucky we were to have met these men and how fortunate we were to live in the greatest country in the world and play the great game of baseball. Thanks again to those men and those that work at the VA hospital for the great experience.

*Johnny Wiggs, baseball coach,
Santa Fe College*



Dugout Dance

My favorite memory was watching Ronnie Krsolovic's wild dugout dance to "Cotton Eyed Joe." That dance caught the eye of the fans and the media's attention and helped propel his Harford team to achieve "fan favorite" status with many at the 2016 Series. The team then followed it up with two thrilling wins and a near-impossible comeback that fell just short in the college's first-ever appearance in Grand Junction, all of which happened in just the Fighting Owls' sixth year as a JUCO Division I program.

*Ken Krsolovic, AD/assistant coach,
Harford Community College*

Shoeless

We had our own version of "Shoeless" Joe Jackson in the 1961 tournament when Coach Bus Bergman of Mesa College was caught by the local paper in a photo in the 3rd base coaches' box wearing only one shoe. As the photo caption notes, Joe Jackson made "shoeless" famous but it worked well for Coach Bergman also. Coach Bergman gave up his right shoe when his shortstop twisted his cleats sliding into second base.

Bill Frank, Grand Junction

“Recollections” on the JUCO WORLD SERIES IN 1959

Grand Junction has always been a big supporter of baseball and other sports so the GJ JUCO leaders, business community, Daily Sentinel, Host Service Clubs, Grand Junction Parks and Recreation Dept and THE FANS went all out to host the JUCO 1959 World Series. When the time came up for reconsideration of continuing the JUCO World Series, the national JUCO committee made the decision to keep the series in GJ. What a great effort by a lot of folks.

This same collective effort continues today under the outstanding leadership of Jamie Hamilton and the JUCO committee, business community, Daily Sentinel, service clubs, Parks and Rec and yes - THE FANS. Wow!! Look at the great new stadium today and year after year the great JUCO World Series in GJ.

In 1959 Mesa College was a 2-year Junior College and was given an automatic bid to play in the tourney. We were blessed to play for Coach Bus Bergman. He was a great baseball coach and fun to play for and helped me personally. Our team was made up of about 18 players, 9 from the Grand Junction area and 9 players from outside of Junction. We played great team baseball.

Being able to participate in the 1959 JUCO World Series was very special. We played Paducah KY and I believe the score was pretty close but we lost. Paducah had 3 players on the all-tourney team and their pitcher, Charley Lloyd, was a “flame thrower.” We got some hits but we had a lot of “strike-outs.” THE FANS - ALL OF THE COMMUNITY continued to support the series even after we were no longer in the tourney.

In closing thought I'd share a personal story with you about how special it was to be able to play for Mesa College in the 1959 JUCO World Series and how Bus Bergman helped me.

As a kid I lived 4 blocks from Lincoln Park and was a visiting bat boy for teams playing against the Grand Junction Eagles semi-pro team during the summer. I was fortunate to play American Legion baseball for Maxie Carroll & high school ball for Bill Fanning. What a blessing!

I played on the freshman baseball team at CU in 1958. During the year, my father encountered a medical problem and it was necessary for me to come back home. When I returned to GJ, I contacted Bus Bergman and was able to play. Coach Bergman was even able to help a little with books and tuition. What a break!

So the kid that lived 4-blocks from Lincoln Park and played for Bus Bergman and Mesa College got to play in the 1959 JUCO World Series. Wow, that was fun and I thank GOD for these blessings!

Bob Hiron, Grand Junction.

Memories of My First Trip to Grand Junction

The biggest thing to me was just Colorado. I grew up in Texas, central Texas, where our biggest hill is 10 feet high. I had only been out of Texas once before when I went to Kansas to play the summer before. At 18 or 19, I hadn't seen any other part of the country. When we got into Denver, we are driving to Grand Junction and I'm in complete awe. Just Colorado itself, the mountains and the snow on the mountains and its June and I'm sitting there going “Are you kidding me?” We see snow where I'm at maybe once every five years. Just the majesty of Colorado itself and once we got to Grand Junction ... the biggest thing that jumped out at me were the crowds at the games. I come from a town of 500 people and playing in JUCO where maybe your crowds were 100-150 on a big, big, big day. And all of a sudden you're sitting there playing front of several thousand people and it was like a night and day difference. Just the atmosphere of the games and the way people in Grand Junction embraced the series and teams that came in there. They gave you the best treatment they could and made you feel welcome and important. What an unbelievable change. And then, just traveling around Grand Junction, going up on the Mesa, it was just unbelievable.

Craig McMurtry, pitcher for McLennan College in 1980 JUCO World Series series; Baseball coach and athletic director at Temple College; coached Temple in JUCO World Series (2006, 2010)

Family Event

I was proud and honored to be a part of two World Series teams in 2001-2002 for Cowley County CC. I'll never forget winning our opening game in 2001 against Middle Georgia 20-2 and then beating Jonathan Albendejo and Miami Dade 6-3 in game 2. It was also a treat to make it back in '02 and hear my grandpa, Whitey Herzog, as the keynote speaker. I loved every minute of Grand Junction, and being a part of Dave and Darren Burroughs' Cowley Tigers.

*John Urick Class of 2001-2002,
Cowley County CC*

Fond JUCO Memories

A bucket truck was used to drive out to the scoreboard and manually change the team names. There also used to be an organist in the stands above the first base side. They would play during the evening games.

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Jeffrey Hansen - Tournament Play
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Carolee Hawkins - Sponsorship & Scholarship Programs
Scott Hayduk - Ticket Sales & Headquarters
Greg Hazelhurst - Scoreboard
Dave Hilgenfeld - Ticket Sales
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Mike Honeycutt - Youth Baseball Clinic
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Matt Lewis - Sheriff / Security Liaison
Chuck Locke - Press Box
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