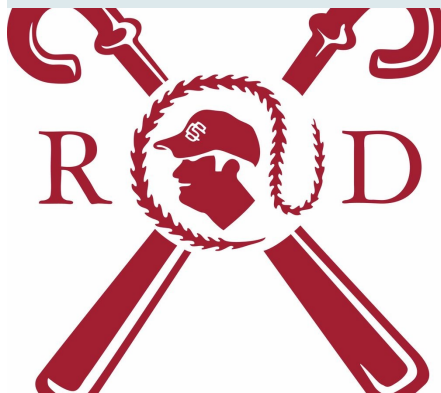


## Rod Dedeaux Foundation Scholarship



Congratulations to our graduating seniors **Julian Boyd** and **McKenzie Wilson** for winning the annual **\$5,000 RDF Scholarship**.

They will each receive a total of **\$25,000** for their 4 years of college from the **RDF foundation**. Each year **MLB YA Compton** and the RDF rewards a senior **softball** and **baseball** player for achieving "success" in and out of the classroom. In addition, this year YA Compton and the RDF awarded another **(8)** graduating YA Compton senior players **\$2,500** for applying for the 2017-18 RDF Scholarship.

Congrats to our all of recipients and thanks to **Darrell Miller, Rick McGeagh** and the Rod Dedeaux Foundation! **\$2,500 RECIPIENTS:** **Marcus Johnson - Jaylen White - Julian Tristan - Kimberly (Kemy) Salazar - Kenia Lira - Travis Lavendier - Yoji Sakane - Matthew Elizade**

## SAT Prep Workshop

This **8-week** Workshop is designed to teach SAT (**Scholastic Aptitude Test**) skills and prepare players to pass the test required for college entry with the best scores possible.

Players will learn effective test taking skills and strategies while practicing on full-length SAT practice tests.

**9th thru 12th GRADE ONLY**

**Register NOW!**

## MLB YA Compton Academic Excellence Team 2018 Members



Many people talk about academic excellence, but who or what really defines this elusive quality. Academic excellence is the demonstrated ability to perform, achieve, and/or excel in scholastic activities. Achieving academic excellence is a process of both formal and informal education.

Every year we reward our YA members for achieving Academic Excellence. Each player who receives a GPA (Grade Point Average) for the semester of a minimum of 3.2 will be a member of the **Academic Excellence Team (AET)**.

The players on the AET received a certificate, a new YA t-shirt, and different levels of award medals. For example: 4.0 or better (**SUPERSTAR**) 3.5 or Better (**ALL-STAR**) and 3.2 to 3.49 (**ACADEMIC STAR**). The team pictures will be posted on MLB social media (*twitter, Instagram and Facebook sites*).



**Julian Tristan**  
4.0 GPA



**Kassius Thomas**  
4.0 GPA



# Compton Wins inaugural Jennie Finch All-Star Classic

There was an unmistakable vibe prior to Monday afternoon's championship game of the **Jennie Finch All-Star Classic**.

"A lot of people are like, 'They are from Compton. They can't do this. They can't play.' But here we are," said Maya DeSota, the third baseman for the team who delivered a pair of RBI singles. "We showed them."

As a result of their victory, Compton was honored on the field across town at Nationals Park prior to Monday night's Major League Baseball Home Run Derby. Finch presented them with the trophy.

This was the first year for the Finch All-Star Classic. Eight All-Star teams from youth academies across the country participated as part of MLB's initiative to help grow the game. There were round-robin games at the Nationals Youth Baseball Academy on the southeast side of town Friday and Saturday. The semi-finals took place Sunday followed by Monday's championship game.



## YA Compton Players:

**Lailah Bell - Raylene Zazueta - Cyriah Burks - Savannah Chavez - Cailee Grayhorse-Pupecki - Maya De Sota**  
**Mariah Leon - Haile Torres - Madison Griggs - Jasmine Vasquez - Sydney Shimkus - Cienna Parker-Islas - Myla Thomas - Daisy Estavil**

## Dodgers RBI Softball Team West Regional Champions

Our Compton **YA Dodger RBI Softball Team** won the West Regionals and went on to Minnesota for the **RBI World Series** this year! Congratulations to the players and our coaches on their success:

<b>Coaches:</b>	Jessica Robledo	Raylene Zazueta
Bryanna Simpson	Myla Thomas	Rebekah Hall
Shayna Kimbrough	Mariah Leon	Aileen Vera
Aris Metcalfe	Savannah Chavez	Chloe Seaborne
Lorenzo Gray	Haile Torres	Kenia Lira
	Madison Griggs	Marisol Balderas
	Jasmine Vasquez	Molly Kozasky



## Compton YA Team MLB 14U NYBC SoCal Champions



Congrats to our Compton **YA TEAM MLB 14U team—NYBC SoCAL CHAMPS!**  
 Sponsored through the **Brita USA URBAN Youth Initiative** they got the job done !

Andrew Araiza	Arnold Lopez	Kassius Thomas
Cristien Banda	Nohea Mapu	
Luis Carpio	Jack Meek	<b>Coach:</b>
Logan Groff	Alex Mendez	Josef Terry
Miles Hughes	Quincy Quintero	
Delshaun Lanier	Michael Richardson	
Dylan Lina	Justin Roulston	<b>Coach</b>
Abito Shiloh	Collin Taylor	Juan Avena
Owen Sideris	Gavin Taylor	





### ACADEMY MISSION

Through the splendor of the National Pastime, Major League Baseball (MLB) Youth Academy aims to set the standard for instruction, teaching and education in Urban America and to enhance the quality of life in surrounding communities. It serves as a brick and mortar testament to MLB's commitment to urban youth.

### GOALS AND OBJECTIVES

- Grow the game of baseball while cultivating diversity in all aspects of the game
- Make the meaningful contributions to the development of urban communities
- Provide safe and organized recreational activities for urban youth
- Prepare urban high school players for college and professional baseball and softball programs

### MLB YOUTH ACADEMY FACILITY

A state of the art recreational and educational facility providing free baseball and softball instructions to local youth, ages 6 to 17 years old. The academy encompasses 10 acres on the campus of El Camino College, Compton and consists of:

- Two Major League-dimension fields, including a spectacularly lighted show field with seating for over 400 people
- "NEW" Youth Turf Field for younger players
- Full-size softball field
- Batting cages and pitching mounds
- State of the art 12,000-sq ft. clubhouse
- Administration offices, educational class room, boys and girls locker rooms, trainers room, and equipment room

### COMMITMENT TO EDUCATION

- After School Tutoring Sessions
- SAT Preparation Workshops
- Saturday Morning Book Club
- Baseball Career Development—A career exploration and mentorship program for teens focusing on baseball vocations. Activities include : guest speakers, field trips, speaker panels, and career fairs
- Mentoring and Academic Counseling
- Broadcasting and Scorekeeping Program
- Sign up via *League Apps* at: [Comptonyouthacademy.com](http://Comptonyouthacademy.com)



### MLB YA SUCCESS STORIES

MLB Education Component Participant

#### **BOYS BASEBALL - Nathan Maxwell** Carson High School - 12th Grade



**3.85 GPA**

*SAT Prep.*

*Tutoring*

*Dodgers  
RBI  
Player*

#### **GIRLS SOFTBALL - Kemy Salazar** Jordan High School - 12th Grade



**3.25 GPA**

*Dodgers  
RBI  
Coach*

*SAT  
Prep.*

*Tutoring*

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#### **UPCOMING SPECIAL EVENTS**

**SAT Preparation Begins Oct. 15th**

**High School/Junior High Visits**

**RBI World series/ Scout Teams & Leagues**

**Negro League Curriculum**

**GET Connected...GET Involved!**



# MLB Youth Academy Compton

## SPECIAL POINTS OF INTEREST:

- SAT Preparation classes restart on October 15th.
- YA Compton 17U Team 2018 Palomino West Zone Champions
- Science of Baseball Camp 2018 STEM Camp
- The YA Compton 'Book Club' meets at 10:00 AM every morning Saturday after the 9:00 practice.
- TEAM MLB 14U NYBC SoCal Champions!
- Compton Girls win Jennie Finch All-Star Classic
- Dodgers RBI Softball Team West Regional Champions!

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## Nomar GarciaParra Host Clinic with SportsNet LA in Compton

In partnership with the Los Angeles Dodgers and Los Angeles Dodgers Foundation, Spectrum SportsNet LA hosted 65 children from Los Angeles County, ages nine to 12, for a skills clinic at the Compton **MLB Youth Academy**, providing t-shirts and caps. Instruction was led by SportsNet LA analysts and former Dodgers infielders Nomar GarciaParra and Jerry Hairston Jr., along with analyst and former general manager Ned Colletti, SportsNet LA studio host John Hartung, and several trainers who specialize in the field.

The kids were put through various drills, including hitting, throwing, baserunning and in fielding stations set up.

It was a fun filled day for all of the MLB YA Science of Baseball campers.



## YA Compton 2018 Palomino West Zone Champions



Congratulations to our 17U team! They won all 4 games!

The last game was tied at seven with YA Compton batting in the top of the eighth when Jonathan Robinson hit a solo homer. **MLB YA Compton** saw the ball well racking up 11 hits in the game. James Williams, James Espalin and Robinson all managed multiple hits for Compton. Williams led YA Compton with four hits in five at bats.

Jordan Ku	Aaron Rosales	James Espalin
Noel Soto	Jalen White	Steven Bermudez
Jaylen Parks	Joshua Kennedy	Sean Lugo
Jonathan Robinson	James Williams	George Eaves
Sean Blandino	Tyler Tilton	Cole Kitchen
Matthew Valdez	Jonathan Largaespada	

**Coaches:** Lorenzo Gray & James Bishop