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El Camino College Softball Shortstop Honored with the 2015 Golden Shoe Award

El Camino College shortstop Tori Garcia has played softball since she was about 6 years old and she's loved the game ever since.

Her dedication to the sport can be seen in her outstanding play and aggressive base running. Garcia's success on the bases was recently honored by the National Fastpitch Coaches Association (NFCA), which selected her as the recipient of the 2015 NFCA Golden Shoe award.

The Golden Shoe award is presented annually to the most outstanding base stealer from an NFCA member institution in each of the following divisions: NCAA (Divisions I, II and III), NAIA, NJCAA (Divisions I, II and III), Cal JC, NWAACC and high school. A committee comprised of elected head coaches in each division selects the winner of their respective award.

"I've never played any other sport – that's how much passion I have for this game," said Garcia, a San Pedro native. She will continue her education and softball career at the University of Hawaii at Hilo on a softball scholarship this fall.

"Winning this award is such an amazing feeling and I feel so honored, but I couldn't have done it without the support I received from everyone around me all season long."

Garcia completed an exceptional softball season this past spring at El Camino College. She garnered second team NFCA Cal JC All-American honors after leading the CCCAA with 42 stolen bases. She also played a key role in the Warriors claiming their second conference title in school history, the first since 1989. Garcia finished the season batting .428 with 65 hits, 14 doubles, five triples, 52 runs and a .511 on base percentage.

She was also named to the All-State team and is a two-time South Coast Conference first-team selection.

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