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First-team, all-conference pitcher Nicole Brock is headed for Delaware State.

Vikings' Best

Five bound for four-year schools, honors for three others

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The most successful fastpitch season in St. Johns River State College softball history has given rise to a string of postseason honors and college signings.

Five sophomores off the Vikings' 33-22, state tournament team have signed with four-year schools and a sixth has enlisted in the military after winning first-team all-conference honors. Two freshmen due to return for the 2016 season also received Mid-Florida Conference recognition.

The sophomores are as follows:

■ Nicole Brock is a first-team, all-conference pitcher who has signed with Division I Delaware State. She was 16-6 this spring with a 1.47 earned-run average, striking out 79 and walking 29. Brock also batted .263 with seven doubles and 18 RBI.

■ Tikeya Strong was a first-team, all-conference outfielder who joined the Air Force after the regular season. Strong batted a team-best .386 and also led the team with 24 stolen bases and a .450 on-base percentage.

■ Catcher Jen Valle drew second-team MFC honors after a season in which she batted .282 with a team-high seven home runs and 36 RBI, as well as eight doubles. Her solo home run lifted St. Johns to a road victory over Daytona State, clinching a trip to state. Valle has signed with the University of North Florida.

■ Pitcher Hunter Scharf, a Florida International signee, made the MFC second team. She was 14-15 with a 2.80 ERA and two saves in 2015. Scharf was a .233 hitter.

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■ Infielder Julie Leduc received honorable mention after batting .252 with six doubles, a triple and 22 RBI. Leduc has signed with Division II South Carolina-Aiken.

■ Outfielder Erin Klein has signed with Division II Florida Southern. She was a .300 hitter for the Vikings this spring with one home run and six RBI.

Mid-Florida honors went to the following SJR State freshmen:

■ Infielder Savannah Montgomery made the second team. She was second to Valle with three home runs and 31 RBI, finishing with 11 doubles and a .320 batting average.

■ Infielder Haley Wildes received honorable mention. She was a .303 hitter with six doubles and 18 RBI. She was 3-1 with a 2.13 ERA as a pitcher.
