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## **MEAC ANNOUNCES SOFTBALL PRESEASON ALL-CONFERENCE HONORS**

*SSU's Wright and B-CU's Anguiano garner preseason awards*

**NORFOLK, Va., January 15, 2016** – The Delaware State Lady Hornets and the Bethune-Cookman Lady Wildcats were predicted to win the softball northern and southern divisions, respectively, in the Mid-Eastern Athletic Conference (MEAC), the conference announced on today. All preseason honors were voted on by the conference's head softball coaches and sports information directors.

**Savannah State's Torrian Wright** was selected as the conference's Preseason Player of the Year, while **Sabrina Anguiano of Bethune-Cookman** earned Preseason Pitcher of the Year accolades.

**Wright** was selected the 2015 MEAC Player of the Year after leading the conference in batting (.584), on-base percentage (.752), runs batted in (49), home runs (17), walks (48), total bases (100), and slugging percentage (1.299). Also, she finished second in runs scored (40). Wright ranked first nationally in batting, walks, slugging percentage, on-base percentage, and third in home runs per game, and fifth in RBI per game. This is her third MEAC Preseason Player of the Year honor.

**Anguiano** was selected as the 2015 MEAC Pitcher of the Year after appearing in 41 games and registering 15 wins and three shutouts in 218.0 innings pitched. A two-time MEAC Player of the Week selection last season, Anguiano ranked third in the MEAC in complete games (17), sixth in strikeouts (95), seventh in ERA (4.17) and ninth in opponents' batting average (.307).

Delaware State, the 2015 MEAC northern division champions, finished with a 21-20 overall record and a 14-4 MEAC mark.

Hampton was selected second, followed by Norfolk State at third. Howard, Morgan State, Maryland Eastern Shore and Coppin State complete the northern division predictions.

Savannah State captured the top seed in the 2015 MEAC southern division. The Lady Tigers finished last season with a 13-1 MEAC record and a 22-17 overall mark.

Defending MEAC Softball Tournament Champions Florida A&M were picked to finish third in the southern division, with Bethune-Cookman predicted first and Savannah State chosen second. North Carolina A&T State, North Carolina Central and South Carolina State close out the southern division predictions.

Wright (SSU) and Anguiano (B-CU) are joined by Allyson Babinsack (Hampton), Sandy Hawthorne (DSU), Jessica Nathan (FAMU), Jordan Stamps (DSU), Chloe Oro (DSU), Vanessa Gomez (UMES), Nicole Gazzola (DSU), Mariah Davis (B-CU) and Amanda Hallman (SSU) on the 2016 Preseason All-MEAC team.

The 2016 Softball Championship tournament is scheduled for May 12-14, 2016 at the Ormond Beach Sports Complex in Ormond Beach, Florida.



**2016 MEAC Softball Preseason Predicted Order of Finish**

As voted on by the Conference's Head Softball Coaches and Sports Information Directors  
(First-Place Votes In Parenthesis)

**Northern Division**

**Southern Division**

School	Points	School	Points
Delaware State (18)	170	Bethune-Cookman (6)	135
Hampton (3)	147	Savannah State (10)	128
Norfolk State (4)	137	Florida A&M (9)	127
Howard (1)	114	North Carolina A&T State	73
Morgan State	70	North Carolina Central (1)	69
Maryland Eastern Shore	60	South Carolina State	35
Coppin State	58		

**2016 Softball Preseason All-MEAC Teams**

As voted on by the Conference's Head Softball Coaches and Sports Information Directors

**Preseason Player of the Year:** Torrian Wright, Savannah State

**Preseason Pitcher of the Year:** Sabrina Anguiano, Bethune-Cookman

**First Team**

Pos.	Name	School	Cl.	Ht.	Hometown
P	Sabrina Anguiano	Bethune-Cookman	Jr.	5-7	Haciendo Heights, Calif.
P	Allyson Babinsack	Hampton	So.	5-11	Hampton, Va.
C	Sandy Hawthorne	Delaware State	Sr.	5-7	Smithtown, N.Y.
1B	Torrian Wright	Savannah State	Sr.	5-6	McDonough, Ga.
2B	Jessica Nathan	Florida A&M	Sr.	5-4	Archer, Fla.
3B	Jordan Stamps	Delaware State	Sr.	5-6	Torrance, Calif.
SS	Chloe Oro	Delaware State	Sr.	5-4	San Pedro, Calif.
OF	Vanessa Gomez	Maryland Eastern Shore	Sr.	5-4	Belleville, N.J.
OF	Nicole Gazzola	Delaware State	Sr.	5-6	Coram, N.Y.
OF	Mariah Davis	Bethune-Cookman	So.	5-0	Hacienda Heights, Calif.
UTL	Amanda Hallman	Savannah State	Jr.	5-7	Kennesaw, Ga.

**Second Team**

Pos.	Name	School	Cl.	Ht.	Hometown
P	Tara Turselino	Delaware State	Jr.	5-6	Moreno Valley, Calif.
P	Kenya Pereira	Florida A&M	Jr.	5-3	Kissimmee, Fla.
C	Casey Hargett	North Carolina Central	Sr.	5-8	Greenville, N.C.
1B	Vanessa Washington	Delaware State	So.	5-6	Elk Grove, Calif.
2B	Danielle Velez	Delaware State	Jr.	5-4	Chino Hills, Calif.
3B	Whitney Williams	Norfolk State	Sr.	5-8	Four Oaks, N.C.
SS	Danielle Smith	Coppin State	Sr.	5-2	Rising Sun, Md.
OF	Alexis Singleton	Savannah State	So.	5-8	Sarasota, Fla.
OF	Al'Asia Davis	Howard	r-Sr.	5-5	Seattle, Wash.
OF	Raven Gray	North Carolina A&T State	So.	5-4	Forest City, N.C.
UTL	Dominique Wilson	North Carolina Central	Jr.	6-2	Mooresville, N.C.