

Girls BB: All-State Underclass

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Two all-state juniors on the move during 2016-17 season were Karisma Ortiz from San Jose Archbishop Mitty and Jayla Ruffus-Miner from Harvard-Westlake of North Hollywood. Photos: Willie Eashman & Pavan Tauh/HWChronicle.com.

After wrapping up all of the boys hoops all-state teams last Thursday night, we jump right into the girls, which we've now done for 38 straight years. It begins with the best of the best for juniors, sophomores and freshmen. This also can be a preview of the next season so here are the schools that landed the most players on this year's teams: St. Mary's of Stockton (4), Pinewood of Los Altos Hills (3) and Salesian of Richmond (3).

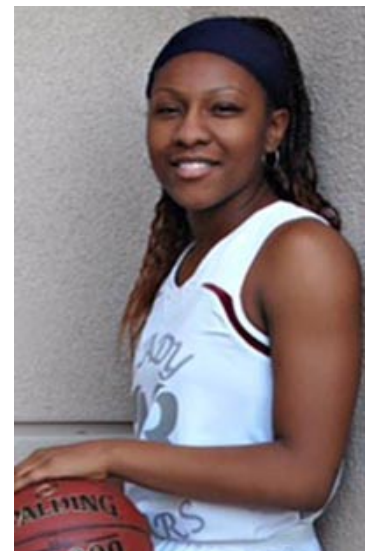
Note: This is a post for our Gold Club members only. Our all-state teams for each CIF division plus our annual Inside the All-State Team post also will be for our Gold Club members. The All-State teams overall will be free posts. Please check out becoming a member today to help us out and not miss any of our exclusive statewide content.



Freshman Amaya Oliver, junior Neenah Young and junior Ariel Johnson from St. Mary's of Stockton all made it onto this year's All-State Underclass team. Their more celebrated teammate, Aquira DeCosta, did too as the State Junior of the Year. Photo: Mark Tennis.

FIRST TEAM JUNIORS (15)

- F Aquira DeCosta (St. Mary's, Stockton) 6-3
- F McKenzie Forbes (Folsom) 6-0
- G Anyssia Gibbs (Granite Hills, Apple Valley) 5-10
- G Kiara Jefferson (West Campus, Sacramento) 5-9
- G Shyla LaTone (Bonita Vista, Chula Vista) 5-4
- F/G Karisma Ortiz (Archbishop Mitty, San Jose) 6-0
- G Ryann Payne (Sierra Canyon, Chatsworth) 5-7
- G Hailey McCoy (Mission Hills, San Marcos) 5-10
- F Jayla Ruffus-Miner (Harvard-Westlake, N. Hollywood) 5-10
- G Makaila Sanders (Foothill, Sacramento) 5-9
- C Semaj Smith (St. Anthony, Long Beach) 6-5
- G Kayla Tahaafe (Eastside College Prep, E. Palo Alto) 5-7
- F Haley Van Dyke (Campolindo, Moraga) 6-0
- F Tyiona Watkins (Brea Olinda, Brea) 5-11
- G Neenah Young (St. Mary's, Stockton) 5-10



Anyssia Gibbs averaged a whopping 29.7 ppg for Granite Hills of Apple Valley to go with 11.5 rebounds and 7.2 assists. Photo: Courtesy family.

SECOND TEAM JUNIORS (15)

- G Dynnah Buckner (Los Osos, Rancho Cucamonga) 5-9
- F Emma Dudley (Santa Fe Christian, Solana Beach) 6-2
- F Jasmine Hardy (Alemany, Mission Hills) 6-1
- G Ariel Johnson (St. Mary's, Stockton) 5-8
- G Dawnyel Lair (Fairfax, Los Angeles) 5-8
- G Taimane Lesa-Hardee (Salesian, Richmond) 5-7
- C Patricia Morris (Duarte) 6-7
- C Rebekah Obinma (Rosary, Fullerton) 6-3

G Jasmine Rachal (Brea Olinda, Brea) 5-7
F Jayda Ruffus-Miner (Harvard-Westlake, N. Hollywood) 5-10
G Taylor Shelby (Ayala, Chino Hills) 5-10
G Clair Steele (Miramonte, Orinda) 5-5
C Emma Torbert (Mater Dei, Santa Ana) 6-2
F Sirena Tuitele (Pleasant Valley, Chico) 6-0
G Naomi Yim (Norco) 5-8

STATE JUNIOR OF THE YEAR:

Aqira DeCosta (St. Mary's, Stockton)

ALL-STATE SOPHOMORES (20)

G Klara Astrom (Pinewood, Los Altos Hills) 5-9
C Ali Bamberger (Carondelet, Concord) 6-3
F Madison Campbell (Clovis West, Fresno) 5-11
G Avery Cargill (Cardinal Newman, Santa Rosa) 5-6
G Cailyn Crocker (Los Alamitos) 5-8
F Makayla Edwards (Salesian, Richmond) 6-3
F Samantha Fries (Esperanza, Anaheim) 6-1
G Zion Gabriel (Eastside College Prep, E. Palo Alto) 5-4
G Hannah Hocom (Aptos) 5-8
C Angel Jackson (Salesian, Richmond) 6-5
F Haley Jones (Archbishop Mitty, San Jose) 6-1
F Hannah Jump (Pinewood, Los Altos Hills) 5-11
G Alexis Machain (La Costa Canyon, Carlsbad) 5-7
C Austyn Masuno (Oxford Academy, Cypress) 6-2
G Charisma Osborne (Windward, Los Angeles) 5-8
F/G Alexis Tucker (Serra, Gardena) 5-11
G Evonne Turner (Etiwanda) 5-8
G RyAnne Walters (Sacramento) 5-8
G Chloe Webb (Mater Dei Catholic, Chula Vista) 5-9
G Kayla Williams (Palisades, Pacific Palisades) 5-6

STATE SOPHOMORE OF THE YEAR:

Haley Jones (Archbishop Mitty, San Jose)

ALL-STATE FRESHMEN (10)

F Stephanie Adams (El Capitan, Lakeside) 6-1
C Kayla Chang (Laguna Hills) 6-4
G Daylee Dunn (Bishop O'Dowd, Oakland) 5-7
G Katherine Goostrey (Rosary, Fullerton) 5-7
G Breanne Ha (Los Osos, Rancho Cucamonga) 5-8
G/F Malia Mastora (St. Joseph Notre Dame, Alameda) 5-9
G Aly Maxey (Rolling Hills Prep, San Pedro) 5-7
F Jane Nwaba (Palisades, Pacific Palisades) 5-10
F Amaya Oliver (St. Mary's, Stockton) 6-2
G Maile Williams (Inderkum, Sacramento) 5-8

STATE FRESHMAN OF THE YEAR:

Breanne Ha (Los Osos, Rancho Cucamonga)



All-state freshman Jane Nwaba of Palisades is the younger sister of David Nwaba, who played as a rookie this season with the Los Angeles Lakers.
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