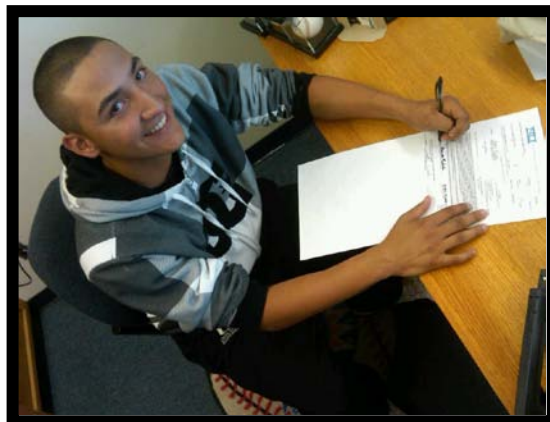


# Padilla Signs with San Jose State

*Sophomore Signs Scholarship to Play with the Spartans*

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Fremont, CA- Ohlone college baseball sophomore pitcher Roberto Padilla headlines the early class for the San Jose State Spartan's as one of the most hotly-pursued left-handers in the California junior college system, having received interest from Cal State Fullerton, Long Beach State and Fresno State, among others. He went 4-4 with a 3.66 ERA in 2009, making 12 starts among 15 appearances, with one complete game. He struck out 59 and walked 32 over 83.2 innings pitched. Opposing batters managed just a .235 average and three home runs against him.



Padilla adds to an Ohlone pipeline that has brought three other pitchers to San Jose State over the past two seasons, including first-year Spartans David Luna and Sean Martin, both right-handers vying for spots in a revamped rotation. Associate head coach Tom Kunis, who directs the Spartan pitchers, was the head coach at Ohlone for one year prior to returning to his alma mater for the 2009 season. Padilla was a second-team All-Coast Conference Pacific Division selection as a freshman, behind first-teamers Luna and Martin, for head coach Jordon Twohig.

"Roberto has a tremendous work ethic and has really taken on a leadership role within the pitching staff", said Twohig. "I am very proud of the effort Roberto has made on the field, and more importantly in the classroom that has allowed him to receive this opportunity at San Jose State."

Padilla helped lead the Renegades to a final record of 37-11 and the best single-season win total in program history. Ohlone went 20-5 for its first Coast Conference championship in 18 years, entered the California Community College playoffs as the top seed, and swept a best-of-three Regional from Chabot College, led by future teammates Kerry Jenkins and Graham Rodriguez, before having its state title pursuit end as the first-time host of a Super Regional. Ohlone was ranked as high as third nationally before settling on No. 19 in the final poll.

Padilla is a 2008 graduate of James Logan High School in Union City, Calif., a program that also produced current Spartans Anthony Bona and Andrew Rodriguez. He was recently chosen to participate in a CCCBCA All-Star Game in Sacramento, Calif., for the top junior college sophomores in Northern California, retiring all four batters he faced on infield putouts.

"Roberto Padilla is one of the top left-handed pitchers in the state of California," said San Jose State Head Coach Sam Piraro. "He was highly recruited. Roberto is a guy who we would pencil into our rotation immediately. He will probably be drafted (next June), so he is a commodity that is greatly valued."