

Nearad, Eagles garner more softball honors

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Five members of the Kirkwood softball team have been named All-Americans by the National Fast-Pitch Coaches Association and Taylor Nearad has been named the NJCAA Division II Player of the Year.

Nearad, a center fielder, hit .602 with 30 home runs and 129 RBIs this season as the Eagles finished fifth at the national tournament.

Nearad, catcher Maddie Hansen and shortstop Gabi Carter were named first team All-Americans. Pitcher Nicky Simpson and left fielder Morgan Frost were named second team All-Americans.