

Student Life

During the Academic Rally, they announced the Top 10 students from sophomores to seniors.

Top 10 Sophomores:

- Lily Chalfant
- Madilyn Hughes
- Anisha Jayaasekara
- Zarah Walter
- Jenan Cameranesi
- Kimberly Inzuna
- Matthew Lawerence
- Anne Jeanette Opleda
- Bethany Hatsios
- Julian Trinidad

Top 10 Juniors:

- Dara Baum
- Millinnie Ilustrisimo
- Brandon Fong
- Austin Good
- Jessie Ozuna
- Colleen Velasco
- Hayden Poulain

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Sports

Palm Springs High School won 19 consecutive football games from Oct. 24, 2014, until the Indians fell in the quarterfinals of the CIF Eastern Division playoffs last year, which ended their bid for an elusive unbeaten season. With one of the more prolific senior classes in the program's noteworthy history, Palm Springs compiled a 23-3 record over the previous two years. Quarterback Will Olvera, a four-year starter, threw for 95 career touchdowns and added 9,556 passing yards. Tayler Hawkins and Trenton Thompson each held a handful of Division I scholarship offers before each signed with San Diego State, and Franklin Miller may have been the most dynamic player in the Coachella Valley, according to multiple coaches.

But often when a team loses so much production over the course of one offseason, there's typically a transition year that follows. After such dominance over the past two seasons, the Indians are



- Madelyn Mountjoy
- Chelsea Bradley
- Laura Pietragallo

Top 10 Seniors:

- Linden Conrad
- Kevin Liu
- Garo Mazmanian
- Douglas Hext
- Melissa Perrin
- Rhay Flores
- Alyssa Knight
- Aramis Conde
- Katherine Lanca
- Emerson Noble

faced with that reality in 2016.

Still, few programs are as well-equipped to handle such a changeover. Dan Murphy enters his fifth season as the head coach at his alma mater and will rely on a trio of seniors to lead what he expects to still be a talented Palm Springs squad.

Starting tailback Joshua Barlow returns for his third year as a starter. He ran for 649 yards and seven touchdowns a year ago. He also caught 27 passes, one of which he snagged and rumbled 79 yards to the end zone. He also started at safety.

Without Olvera, Barlow is expected to carry much of the load on offense as Palm Springs transitions to more of a true read-option offense, which was sprinkled in occasionally over the past two years. Track star Damion Lee, who holds a scholarship offer to play football at Brigham Young, will slide into the role vacated by



Tayler Hawkins. He'll play receiver, defensive back and return kicks, as will junior Nick Reyes-Foster, who's small in stature but played big at times while filling in for Miller last season. All-

Desert Valley League linebacker Brian Morales (94 tackles, 2 interceptions) also returns to lead the defense. He may also find a role somewhere on offense. Depth could be an issue, particularly



on the offensive line, but Murphy believes he has the athletes and team speed to be competitive at a time when some might be counting the Indians out

ACADEMICS

This month we interviewed Mr. Goehring, the AP Physics teacher at Palm Springs High School.

How did you get this job opportunity at PSHS, what were you most excited about?

“I was probably most excited about getting my paycheck”

What are you most looking forward to this year?

“I look most forward to be involved in the arts project; this project will center around the Annie musical and I’m also hoping to go to Magic Mountain this year. As the year cools down I look forward to doing outside activities and see how changes in science evolve.”



How is the start of the year going for you so far?

“This year has started off well; this is my first year teaching in the Arts Institute. I have great students that I’m excited to teach about the arts aspect of physics.”

