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### MEDIA RELEASE

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### 15th ANNUAL DR. JIM STAUNTON CHAMPIONS FOR CHARACTER AWARDS

LOS ALAMITOS -- On Monday, September 24, 2018 the California Interscholastic Federation-Southern Section (CIF-SS) is proud to host its 15th Annual Dr. Jim Staunton Champions for Character Awards Dinner at The Grand in Long Beach. You can visit [www.cifss.org](http://www.cifss.org) for more information.

Eighteen years ago the State CIF and all 10 sections partnered to promote the 16 principals of coaching, competing and teaching called "Pursuing Victory with Honor." Since that time we have seen school boards, superintendents, principals, athletic directors athletic trainers, media members and students embrace these principles in an effort to give our athletes tools for success on the playing field and in life.

As a way to recognize those athletes that can combine a fierce competitive nature with the Six Pillars of Character; trustworthiness, responsibility, respect, fairness, caring and citizenship; the CIF-SS Ethics in Sports Committee created these awards. Athletes, coaches, administrators, officials, schools athletic trainers and media members who demonstrate these qualities are honored at the dinner and highlighted for their achievements. Additionally, all student winners receive scholarship money for their achievements.

"We are very proud to recognize our Champions for Character award winners this year and looking forward to a great celebration of their accomplishments on September 24," stated CIF-SS Commissioner of Athletics Rob Wigod. "They are individuals who truly represent outstanding sportsmanship, ethics and character in our section and we appreciate them very much for doing so each and every day."

Media members interested in covering the awards ceremony must RSVP by email to Anita Fopma ([anitaf@cifss.org](mailto:anitaf@cifss.org)) no later than Noon Wednesday, September 19.

#### ABOUT THE CIF-SS

The CIF-SS is a non-profit corporation organized to direct and administer athletics in secondary schools within its membership and geographical boundaries. The Southern Section is one of 10 sections in the state of California. Not only is it the largest in the state (representing nearly one half of the state's high schools – 586 schools), but it is the 10th largest association of its type nationally. Each of the state sections operate independently, but all within the framework of the state federation.

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## 2017-2018 CIF Southern Section Champions for Character Award Recipients

### Students

Osvaldo Cervantes – Nogales HS  
Sierra DuNah – San Marino HS  
Maddie Erickson – Cate HS  
Brianna La Rue – Gladstone HS  
Nicolas Leon – Ayala HS  
Clarissa Martinez – La Puente HS  
Solenn Matuska – La Canada HS  
Lucas Montoya – Alta Loma HS HS  
Nevart Mooradian – Mesrobian HS  
Andres Moran – Azusa HS  
Darryl Payton – Rancho Verde HS  
Anna Treder – California Lutheran HS  
Jason Valencia – Northview HS  
Luke Willett – San Dimas HS

### Administrators

Dick Billingsley – Athletic Director, Oak Park HS  
Rich Boyce – Athletic Director, Edison HS  
Dion Clark – Principal, San Geronio HS  
Deborah Drury – Athletic Director, Ramona Convent HS  
Dominic Farrar – Athletic Director, Charter Oak HS  
Scott Moore – Athletic Director, Heritage HS  
Terry Orabona – Athletic Director, Santa Ana Valley HS

### Schools

Carter HS  
Lake Arrowhead Christian HS  
Mary Star of the Sea HS  
Woodcrest Christian HS

### Athletic Trainer

Tom Fulton – Desert Christian Academy HS  
Joanne Hanson – La Quinta HS/ La Quinta  
Kent McCall – Brea Olinda HS

### Media

Andrew Campa – Los Angeles Times Community News  
Landon Negri – Riverside Press-Enterprise

### Coaches

Valarie Campa – Cheer, Rialto HS  
Alan Caouette – Softball, Aliso Niguel HS  
John Corona – Track and Field, Martin Luther King HS  
Eddie Courtemarche – Boys Basketball, Los Alamitos HS  
Kerry Crooks – Girls Soccer, Edison HS  
Jeff Forsberg – Softball, Huntington Beach HS  
Tom Guenther – Football/Wrestling, Alta Loma HS  
Brian Haynes – CCity/Soccer/Track, Bishop Montgomery HS  
Jerry Lewallen – Football, Glendora HS  
Brad Woodbury – Wrestling, Fountain Valley HS

### Official

Mike Kearns – Basketball Assignor/Football/Softball  
(Foothill-Citrus)

### Commissioner's Award

Nyan (John) Lin – Don Lugo HS

