



Brianna Cabrera and Beachwood, the second puppy she has raised for Guide Dogs for the Blind.

Don Lugo High's Brianna Cabrera named CIF Southern Section 'Champion for Character'

Brianna Cabrera, an incoming senior at Don Lugo High in Chino, has been named a CIF Southern Section Champion for Character. The award represents the “very finest in sportsmanship, character, integrity, and athletics,” according to Rob Wigod, Commissioner of Athletics for the CIF.

Brianna and other CIF Southern Section Champions for Character will be honored Sept. 25 at a dinner hosted by the Southern Section. She and the other Champions will also be featured in a video that will be shown during the ceremony.

Brianna, daughter of Don Lugo High Principal Kimberly Cabrera and Stephen Cabrera Sr., transferred to Don Lugo just before her freshman year began. She has

been actively involved in track and field since her freshman year, and became an all-CIF pole vaulter this year with a fifth-place finish in Division 3.

She has also been involved in Don Lugo Leadership since her freshman year and will be the senior class president for the Class of 2018. She founded the Hearts and Heroes club (an off-shoot of Best Buddies) on the Don Lugo campus when she was a freshman and the club has continued to grow. She has been an honors student and continues to be near the top of her class.

Brianna has been active with the Guide Dogs for the Blind since 2014 and has raised two guide dog puppies, one of which is now a working guide dog in Virginia.

Outside of Don Lugo, Brianna competed in all-star cheerleading with Cheerforce OC, winning National Championship titles in the years she competed.

Prior to Don Lugo, Brianna attended Wickman Elementary and Townsend Junior High, both in Chino Hills.

After graduation in June 2018, Brianna would like to attend school on the East Coast. Her top school choices are Duke University, Notre Dame, and University of North Carolina. She is hoping to continue pole vaulting in college.