



Central Coast Section Athletic Directors Association

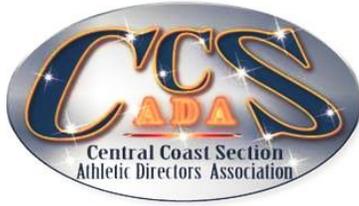
2019-2020 CCS-ADA Scholar-Athlete winners

Diego Sotto, Pacific Bay Christian School

Diego Sotto is a three-sport athlete and maintained a 4.0 GPA while also being committed to enriching the school community by serving in Student Council as Class Representative and Secretary. No one matches Diego in terms of teamwork, passion and pure work ethic. He has been a constant inspiration to the Pacific Bay Christian community because whatever the task, big or small, Diego is up for the challenge. Head Varsity Basketball Coach Mark Bermudez said, "Diego is a class act. He is a dedicated, hard worker, and diligent with all activities including school work." During Diego's Junior year, he earned 1st-team all-league soccer, basketball, and baseball. In addition, in Soccer he won MaxPreps player of the week in California and Team Offensive player of the year. In Basketball, he was selected as Team Captain, Team Most Valuable Player and concluded his Senior year as the top scorer in PacBay history scoring 1,355 points. Even with Diego's sports accolades and successes he chose not to participate in baseball during his Junior year. Diego wanted to focus on his grades as well as his SAT and AP exams. Diego's passion and dedication were evident not only in his character, but also in his work ethic and extracurricular activities. "Diego consistently demonstrated the poise and confidence that are essential not only in academics and athletics but also as a strong leader at the next level," said Natalie Talbot Ayres, Associate Dean of Middle School and Athletic Administrator at Pacific Bay Christian School.

Fermin Moreno, Salinas High School

During the 2015-2016 soccer season, the Salinas high school boys' soccer team had a record number of red cards. Fermin has an extreme love and respect for the game of soccer, and he stepped up the following season as a freshman, and took a leadership role with the coaching staff to change the culture of the team. He knew it was important to lead by example, be the role model and encourage his teammates. With all of the team's hard work and dedication to their goal, they made it through that season with no red cards. Fermin's leadership was a huge part of this. Fermin is an exceptional soccer player but also excels in the classroom as is exemplified by his 4.5 GPA. He has been accepted to Cal Poly, San Luis Obispo and will major in Mechanical Engineering. His community service hours totaled over 100 hours, with the majority of his service being spent at the Washington Middle School Library tutoring middle school students and volunteering at the Salinas California Rodeo. Besides being a member of the soccer team for four years, Fermin has also been a member of the cross country and track & field teams all four years. Patty Lamar, Athletic Director at Salinas High School said, "One of the best parts of supervising boys' soccer was the boys' entrance, led by Fermin, stopping to shake my hand and say "Hi" before every game. It did make those cold, rainy nights easier to handle."



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Amy Tse, Lynbrook High School

Amy is a very rare type of student in today's culture of sport specialization. Amy is a three-sport athlete and competed in field hockey, soccer and softball all four years of her career at Lynbrook High School. She also maintained a spectacular 4.0 GPA while attending one of the most academically rigorous high schools in the Bay Area. Amy was a member of the Lynbrook field hockey team for the last four years. This shows her commitment and dedication to something that she is passionate about. Being a member of the field hockey team and still being able to balance school work is not an easy task. Amy has done this with ease, earning the scholar-athlete award every season throughout her high school career. As captain of her field hockey team this year, Amy was indispensable to her coach. It was his first season with the team and Amy made it easier for him to focus on coaching while she helped with the communication with team members. Amy has displayed her leadership abilities, dedication and the responsibility that comes with being a captain and a leader of her team. She organized, advertised and ran a field hockey camp this summer to promote the program to incoming freshmen. Amy also spear-headed the staff appreciation game for the team, which is an event that the Lynbrook staff look forward to every year. Her loyalty to her team was apparent in the senior shout-outs given to her from her teammates on senior night. "Amy is one of the hardest working and most positive students I have ever had in my class or that I have coached", said Jennifer Griffin, Athletic Director and Physical Education Department Lead. In Amy's freshmen year, she had to deal with a difficult family transition. You would have never known that she was dealing with something so hard. Amy always is thinking of others and has a positive and cheerful demeanor. She even organized a card for a staff member who had recently lost their father, every one of the field hockey team members signed the card, which is just one example of what a kind hearted student-athlete she is. She is a glowing example of how to be a strong leader and teammate while doing it all with a kind and compassionate heart.