

#### Livermore-Granada Boosters

# WEEKLY SPORTS UPDATE

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#### **HIGHLIGHTS**

- Livermore Girls Soccer advance to NCS Semi-finals
- Livermore Girls Basketball starts NCS playoffs
- Granada Wrestling takes 4th place at NCS Championships

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#### NCS PLAYOFFS UPDATE

- **Livermore Girls Soccer** The #1 ranked Cowboys beat Richmond High 8-0 and Mt. Tamalpais 1-0 to advance to the NCS semi-finals. They host #4 ranked Bishop O'Dowd at 7pm on Wednesday Feb. 22<sup>nd</sup> at Livermore High.
- **Livermore Girls Basketball** The #10 ranked Cowboys take on #7 ranked El Cerrito at 7pm on Tuesday, Feb. 21<sup>st</sup> at Livermore High in the first round of the Division 2 NCS Playoffs.
- **Granada Boys Soccer -** The #12 ranked Matadors lost to #5 Berkeley 2-1 in the first round of the NCS Division 1 playoffs.
- Granada Girls Soccer The #8 ranked Matadors beat #9 ranked James Logan I-0, before falling to #1 ranked Carondelet I-0 in the NCS Division I Quarter-Finals.

#### EBAL WRESTLING CHAMPIONSHIPS

#### **EBAL**

•	152—Ryan Peterson	Livermore	lst
•	160—Jack Kilner	Granada	lst
•	195—Zach Stewart	Granada	lst
•	152—Anthony Martinez	Granada	2nd
•	182—Jack Lutz	Granada	2nd

#### Moving on to NCS Championships:

#### Livermore:

Ethan Montesinos (106), Anthony Barbalinardo (113), Josh Peeso (132), Coben Turk (138), Ryan Peterson (#6 rank -152), Phillip Tran (160), Xavier Henry (170), Jose Martinez (220), Adam Lebish (285)

#### Granada:

Ethan De la Torre (106), Ryan Mathewson (113), Jonathan Nguyen (120), Majed Moussalli (126), Jordan Bets (132), Ahmet Gueye (138), Jackson Volkir (145), Anthony Martinez (#5 ranked—152), Jack Kilner (#1 ranked—160), Jack Lutz (\$5 ranked—182), Zach Stewart (#7 ranked—195), Francisco Midkiff (220)

### LAST COUPLE WEEKS IN PICTURES



To see more pictures, visit our website at http://livermoregranadaboosters.org/

### WINTER SPORTS UPDATE

Granada All		EBAL	NCS Rank
Basketball (B)	11-15	4-9	24 (Div 1)
Basketball (G)	11-15	1-12	18 (Div 1)
Soccer (B)	7-6-6	4-5-4	10 (Div 1)
Soccer (G)	10-7-5	2-6-5	8 (Div 1)

Livermore	All	EBAL	NCS Rank
Basketball (B)	4-22	0-13	22 (Div 2)
Basketball (G)	14-12	5-8	10 (Div 1)
Soccer (B)	5-15-4	2-9-2	24 (Div 2)
Soccer (G)	17-1-4	9-1-3	1 (Div 2); 19 in State; 45 in US

# UPCOMING GAMES — GRANADA HIGH February 20<sup>th</sup> – February 25<sup>th</sup>



		GRANA	DA HIGH		
	Sport	Opponent	Location	L	Time
Monday					
Feb 20					
Tuesday	Golf (B)	Dougherty Valley	Dougherty Valley	All	3:00pm
Feb 21					
Wednesday	Baseball	Castro Valley	Granada HS -	٧	3:30pm
Feb 22			Granaua no	F	3:30pm
Thursday	Golf (B)	Monte Vista Poppy Ridge GC Roundhill GC American American HS	Poppy Ridge GC	٧	3:00pm
•	doil (b)		Roundhill GC	JV	3:00pm
Feb 23	Volleyball (B)		American HS	٧	5:00pm
Friday	Baseball	Berkeley	Berkeley HS	٧	3:30pm
•	Wrestling	NCS	James Logan HS		
Feb 24	#resumg	Championship	James Lugari 113		
	Baseball	Berkeley	Granada HS	JV	12:00pm
Saturday	Daseball	Delikeley	Berkeley HS	F	12:00pm
Feb 25	Wrestling	NCS Championship	James Logan HS		

# UPCOMING GAMES — LIVERMORE HIGH February 20<sup>th</sup> – February 25<sup>th</sup>

		LIVERMORE HIGH						
	Sport	Opponent	Location	L	Time			
Monday								
Feb 20								
	CHEED	E-W-W	Foothill	V	3:00pm			
Tuesday	Golf (B)	Foothill -	Livermore	JV	3:00pm			
Feb 21	Basketball (G)	El Cerrito	Livermore HS	٧	7:00pm			
	Track & Field	Northgate	Northgate HS	All	3:30pm			
Wednesday	Baseball	San Lorenzo	San Lorenzo HS	V	3:30pm			
Feb 22	Soccer (G)	Bishop O'Dowd	Livermore HS	٧	7:00pm			
	Golf (B)	Amador Valley -	Livermore	V	3:00pm			
Thursday	Con (D)	Arriador Valley -	Amador Valley	J۷	3:00pm			
	Tennis (B)	Amador Valley	Amador Valley HS	V	4:00pm			
Feb 23	Volleyball (B)	American	American HS	V	6:00pm			
	Yorloyban (B)	American	Americanino	JV	5:00pm			
Friday	Baseball	Mountain House	Livermore HS	V	3:30pm			
Feb 24	Wrestling	NCS James Logan HS						
1 00 24		Championship						
	Lacrosse (B)	Bella Vista	Bella Vista HS		12:30pm			
		B. (	S James Logan HS Vista Bella Vista HS uma	JV	11:30am			
		Petaluma		<u> </u>	1:00pm			
	Lacrosse (G) -	Casa Grande	Petaluma HS	V	4:00pm			
Saturday		Petaluma Casa Grande		JV JV	11:30am			
		Casa Grande		V	2:30pm 8:00am			
Feb 25	Softball	Freedom	Freedom HS	-V JV	8:00am			
	Volleyball (B)	Washington Hogh Tournament	TBA	V	TBA			
	Wrestling	NCS Championship	James Logan HS					

# RESULTS — GRANADA HIGH February 13<sup>th</sup> – February 18<sup>th</sup>



GRANADA HIGH									
		SILANADA IIIGII							
	Sport	Opponent	Location	L	Time	Score			
Monday									
Feb 13									
Tuesday	Basketball (B)	Livermore	Livermore HS	٧	7:00pm	W (70-66)			
Feb 14	Basketball (G)	Livermore	Livermore HS	٧	5:30pm	L (39-54)			
	Basetball (B)	Livermore Granada HS		JV	7:00pm	No score posted			
	basetball (b)	Liverinore	Granada 113	F	5:30pm	No score posted			
Wednesday	Basketball (G)	Livermore Granada HS		JV	4:00pm	W (53-11)			
Feb 15	Soccer (B)	Berkely	Berkely HS	٧	7:00pm	L (1-2)			
	Soccer (G)	James Logan	James Logan HS	٧	5:00pm	W (2-1)			
	Golf (B)	Monte Vista	Round Hill CC	٧	3:00pm				
Thursday									
Feb 16									
Friday	Lacrosse (B)	Newark Memorial	Granada HS	٧	7:45pm	W (12-2)			
Feb 17	Lacrosse (G)	Newark Memorial	Granada HS	٧	7:00pm	W (17-4)			
Saturday	Track	Meet	Granada HS	٧	9:00am				
Feb 18	Soccer (G)	Carondelet	Carondelet HS	٧	5:00pm	L (1-2)			

#### **VARSITY SPORTS RECAP—GRANADA**



#### **Wrestling**

The Granada High School Varsity Wrestling Team took second place as a team at the East Bay Athletic League (EBAL) Championship held on Saturday, February 18th at Amador Valley High School. Granada also had two league champs and 4 finalists. These are marks their program hasn't seen for quite some time and is Granada's highest EBAL tournament finish in years.

At the Varsity tournament, Granada had 10 wrestlers earn out right North Coast Section (NCS) Championship tournament berths. In addition, two of their 6th place finishers also earned at-large tournament berths. As a result, all 12 of Granada's wrestlers that participated at EBAL qualified for the two-day NCS Championship tournament taking place at James Logan High School in Union City beginning Friday, February 24th. beginning Friday, February 24th.

Granada's Junior Varsity wrestling team arrived prepared to dominate at the East Bay Athletic League (EBAL) JV Championship held the day prior. In fact, they walked away with two JV league champs and seven 2nd through 4th place finishes. It was a strong finish by their up and coming squad.

#### VARSITY EBAL Results

Team Score: 187.5 points, 2nd place

108 Ethan De La Torre 3rd

115 Rylan Matheson 5th

122 Jonathan Nguyen 6th

128 Majed Moussalli 6th

134 Jordan Bets 5th

140 Ahmet Gueye 3rd

147 Jackson Volkir 4th

154 Anthony Martinez 2nd

162 Jack Kilner 1st

184 Jack Lutz 2nd

197 Zach Stewart 1st

222 Francisco Midkiff 3rd

#### **JV EBAL Results**

#### 1st place- Tre Savino and Dylan Krauss

2nd place- Edward Vilchis

3rd place- Zach Armstrong, Robert Gonzalez, Richard Gonzalez and Moheb Salemi

4th place- Max Gomez and Josh Collom

Other GHS participants- Cody Brown, Emerson Toscano, Jacob Gutke, Jacob Zayas, Iretunde Akinsola, Haiden Rotermund



# RESULTS — LIVERMORE HIGH February 13<sup>th</sup> – February 18<sup>th</sup>



	Sport Opponent Location L Time				Score	
Monday						
Feb 13						
Tuesday	Basketball (B)	Granada	Livermore HS	٧	7:00pm	L (66-70)
Feb 14	Basketball (G)	Granada	Livermore HS	٧	5:30pm	W (54-39)
			Livermore HS	٧	3:30pm	No score posted
	Baseball Freedom	Freedom HS	JV	3:30pm	No score posted	
Wednesday			Livermore HS	F	3:30pm	L (2-7)
-	Pagkathall (P)	Livermore Grana	Granada HS	J۷	7:00pm	No score posted
Feb I5	Basketball (B)		Granada ms	F	5:30pm	No score posted
	Basketball (G)	Livermore	Granada HS	JV	4:00pm	L (11-53)
	Soccer (G)	Richmond	Richmond HS	٧	5:00pm	W (8-0)
Thursday						
Feb 16						
Friday						
Feb 17						
Saturday	Track	Meet	Granada HS	٧	9:00am	
Feb 18	Soccer (G)	Mt. Tamalpais	Livermore HS	V	7:00pm	W (1-0)

### 2016 RACE TO THE FLAGPOLE

The Livermore-Granada Boosters hosted the 7th Annual "Race to the Flagpole" on Veterans Day weekend. The event drew over 400 runners that competed in the 5K, 10K, Half Marathon and one-mile fun runs through beautiful Independence, Sycamore Grove and Holdener parks.

Nicholas Myllenbeck of Livermore won the half marathon in a time of 1:37.10. Della Giles of Oakland was the top female runner with a time of 1:37:15. Amelia Sanchez of Livermore won the 5K women's division with a time of 22:03 and Scott Peterson of Livermore won the 5K men's division in a time of 18:31.

Nico Raffo of Pleasanton won the men's 10K in a time of 42:44 and Carolyn Sanchez of Livermore won the women's 10K division in a time of 49:34. In the one-mile fun run Pamela Salazar from Marylin Avenue School won the female division in 8:15 and Viliam Nowicki from Altamont Creek was the fastest male with a time of 7.12.

"It was an absolutely wonderful day. The turnout was great and the weather was spectacular", said Race Director Mike Nagel, "We really appreciate the support from the community".

The proceeds support the Livermore Granada Boosters scholarship program. For 67 years, the Boosters have honored varsity scholar athletes from both Livermore and Granada High Schools at their annual May awards banquet. Substantial scholarships are awarded to young men and young women who exemplify athletic excellence and high academic achievement. The Boosters believe students who excel in academics, athletics, and community service become exemplary civic leaders. Since 1958, the Boosters have awarded more than \$240,000 in scholarships.

The event also recognized Veterans Day and featured a flag presentation by the Veterans of Foreign Wars Local 7265 and National Anthem sung by Livermore High senior Justin Beasle.

For more information about the Livermore Granada Boosters, race results and photos, visit <a href="https://www.livermoregranadaboosters.org">www.livermoregranadaboosters.org</a>.



1 Mile Winners: Pamela Salazar (Marylin Avenue School) at 8:15 and Viliam Nowicki (Altamont Creek) at 7:12



5k Winners: Amelia Sanchez (Livermore) at 22:03 and Scott Peterson (Livermore) at 18:31.



I Ok Winners: Nico Raffo (Pleasanton) at 42:44 and Carolyn Sanchez(Livermore) at 49:34



Half Marathon Winners: Nicholas Myllenbeck (Livermore) at 1:37:10 and Della Giles (Oakland) at 1:37:15.



Sanchez Family Winners: Amelia Sanchez and Carolyn Sanchez

### FINALTEAM RECORDS (FALL 2016 SPORTS)

Granada	All	EBAL	NCS
Cross Country (G)		1st	1st Place (Div 2)
Cross Country (B)		3rd	3rd Place (Div 2)
Golf (G)	10-6	10-6	
Tennis (G)	1-6	0-5	
Volleyball (G)	13-14	6-7	1st Round NCS Loss
Football	6-7	1-6	Lost in NCS Semi-finals
Water Polo (G)	6-14	1-7	
Water Polo (B)	3-16	0-8	



Livermore	All	EBAL	NCS
Cross Country (G)		10th	
Cross Country (B)		6th	4th Place (Div 3)
Golf (G)	0-12	0-12	
Tennis (G)	0-9	0-8	
Volleyball (G)	7-17	1-12	Lost in NCS Quarter-finals
Football	6-6	3-5	Lost in NCS Quarter-finals
Water Polo (G)	21-5	4-4	Lost in NCS Semi-finals
Water Polo (B)	18-8	4-4	Lost in NCS Championship



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#### 2016 OLYMPIAN FINALISTS—GRANADA HIGH

Congratulations to all six of the Olympian Finalists from Granada High for this school year! And special congratulations to Megan McCandless and Maxine Rooney, the Granada High School Girls and Boys Olympian Winners for 2016. Two tremendous student-athletes who will be continuing their athletic careers at MIT and Florida, respectively. Both Megan and Maxine were awarded a \$2000 scholarship, and the other finalists a \$500 scholarship each.



Megan McCandless Cross Country

- 4-year Varsity athlete in Cross Country and Track
- Two-time NCS Champion in Cross Country
- Two-time medalist at CA State Cross Country Championships
- Named Bay Area News Group 2016 Athlete of the Year
- Placed 18th at Nike Cross National race, earning All-American
- Broke Granada High's All-time 1600m record in Track
- Won 1600m and 3200m races at 2016 NCS Tri-Valley Meet
- Attained an overall 4.46 GPU in High School



Maxime Rooney
Swimming

- Part of 400 Free Relay team in 2014 that broke National Public High Schook record
- Set 200 Free National Public High School record in 2016
- Also holds Granada and NCS record for 100 Butterfly
- Holds 4 NCS records (100, 200, 500 free and 400 free relay)
- In 2015, represented USA in Singapore at World Junior Swimming Championships. He was one of four captains. He earned Gold in 200 Free, as well as Silver in the 400 Free Relay, 400 Medley Relay, and 100 Free. Also was part of team that set a new record in the 800 Free relay
- Overall 4.17 GPA in High School

#### 2016 Olympian Finalists - Granada High School



Taylor Lawsen
Cross Country
Track & Field



Amy Moussa Basketball



Aaron Andrews Basketball Football



Leo Skellenger
Cross Country
Track & Field

#### 2016 OLYMPIAN FINALISTS—LIVERMORE HIGH

Congratulations to all six of Olympian Finalists from Livermore High for this school year! And special congratulations to Kajol Maheshwari and Nathaniel Kratochvil, the Livermore High School Girls and Boys Olympian Winners for 2016. Two tremendous student-athletes who will be continuing their careers at West Point and Chico State, respectively. Both Kajol and Nathaniel were awarded a \$2000 scholarship, and the other finalists a \$500 scholarship each.



Kajol Maheshwari
Cross Country
Track

- Participated in Cross Country and Track all 4 years
- Was Team Captain of both team her Senior year
- Two-time CA State individual qualifier in Cross Country
- Member of campus Interact Club, Red Cross, Me to We, and International Student Exchange Clubs
- Earned distinction of "AP Scholar with Distinction"
- Maintained a 4.4 High School GPA





Nathaniel Kratochvil
Water Polo
Swimming

- Four-year Water Polo Team Captain
- Earned seven letters in Water Polo and Swimming
- Has traveled domestically and internationally, playing against Montenegrin and Russian youth national teams
- Served as volunteer Water Polo coach
- Been active in repair and maintenance of LHS Pool facilities
- Regular on Principal's Honor Roll
- Maintained a 3.65 High School GPA

#### 2016 Olympian Finalists - Livermore High School



Mariana Garza
Water Polo
Basketball
Track



Isabella Widmann Basketball Volleyball



John Reggiardo
Water Polo
Football
Basketball
Lacrosse



Martin Vega Football Soccer Track

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#### **TEAM AWARD WINNERS—2016**

The following individuals were recognized at the 2016 Awards banquet by their teams and coaches as the Olympian Team Award Winners for 2015-2016. Each winner received a plaque to honor their accomplishments.

#### **FALL SPORTS**

#### WINTER SPORTS

#### SPRING SPORTS

SPORT	GRANADA HIGH	LIVERMORE HIGH
Boys Cross Country	Leo Skellenger	Omar Maklaf
Girls Cross Country	Megan McCandless	Kajol Maheshwari
Football	Aaron Andrews	John Brunell
Girls Golf	Taylor Robles	Alexandria Orr
Girls Tennis	Kiran Bora	Bianca Acosta
Girls Volleyball	Maggie Kilday	Alexandria Corbitt
Boys Waterpolo	Will Murphy	Nathaniel Kratochvil
Girls Waterpolo	Hannah Borjon	Emily Hawkins
Cheerleading	Shoshana Cohen	Charles Altizer
Boys Basketball	Kyle Tupper	Dylan Medeiros
Girls Basketball	Amy Moussa	Mariana Garza
Boys Soccer	Erik Martin	Jack Shoendienst
Girls Soccer	Emilie Allum	Alexandra Romero
Wrestling	Jonathan Stalie	Dillon McNaney
Dance	Morgan Leonard	Lisa Kasten
Baseball	Robert Chioino	Dominic Foscalina
Boys	Jonny Stalie	Jason Wallis
Girls	Kayden Mansfield	Kate Sire
Boys Golf	Ajay Patel	Ethan Valdez
Boys Lacrosse	Jared Faith	Devin Funaro
Girls Lacrosse	Madeline Byrne	Alexandria Orr
Softball	Jessie Johnston	Hannah Bennett
Boys Swimming	Maxime Rooney	Tyler Paden
Girls Swimming	Hannah Borjon	Katie Woods
Boys Tennis	Bo Cole	Angel Hernandez
Boys Track	Oliver Grajeda	John Brunell
Girls Track	Pamela White	Kajol Maheshwari
Boys Volleyball	Romano Tulagan	Griffin Bateson

#### **2016 HALL OF FAME INDUCTEES**

There have been a number of incredible athletes that started their athletic careers tight here in our small town of Livermore.

We recognize the history and tradition of athletic excellence in our community through our Sports Hall of Fame. Each year we induct extraordinary athletes, coaches, and community members who have made significant contributions to Livermore's sports history.

At our Olympian Banquet on May 16, 2016, we inducted the three newest members to the Livermore Hall of Fame.

These individuals were

#### MATT LAYE





#### **LEAH AVILLA**





#### **RANDY GRANT**





To see the full list of individuals that have been elected, you can visit our website.

Members of the Hall of Fame receive special plaques which are publically displayed at **Buffalo Wild Wings** on First Street in Livermore.

If you know of any Livermore athlete, coach, or community member who is worthy of being considered, you are welcome to nominate this individual. Here are the links for the **Nomination Form** and **Selection Criteria**.

We are now accepting nominations for our 2017 Hall of Fame through February 1, 2017.

#### **KEITH S. FRASER COMMUNITY RECOGNITION AWARD**

In 2015 the Livermore-Granada Boosters' initiated the Community Recognition Award in Keith S. Fraser's name.

Keith Fraser was born in Livermore, attended Livermore High School and graduated from Stanford University. He started his law practice in Livermore in 1964, and was always deeply involved in most Livermore youth activities. Also in 1964 founding member, Judge Joseph Schenone, brought him into the Boosters. Through his life he was a major contributor and donor to all Booster activities. Through his leadership and vision, the Livermore-Granada Boosters developed into a major organization that is completely unique to a community that is small enough to honor its past, but large enough to grasp its responsibility to honor the outstanding members of the community.

The criteria for the award is based on:

- Individual's past athletic or community involvement
- Impact of this individual(s) on the school and/or Livermore community
- Devotion of the individual(s) to school or athletic achievement
- Legacy of the individual(s) to improving, recognizing, or supporting Livermore youth.

#### **Award Winners:**

2016—Bob and Cheryl Rumberger (starting the first Grad Night Program in Livermore in 1988).

2015—Bob Bronzan (tirelessly promoting youth accomplishments through photographs in the Livermore Valley Unified School District).

#### **YOUR PHOTOGRAPHERS**

Our town of Livermore is extremely fortunate to have two extraordinary photographers—**Bob Bronzan** and **Adam Clark**. These two gentleman somehow manage to find their way to most of the sporting events of our two public high schools, capturing outstanding photographs of our studentathletes on the spirit of competition.

Bob spent 20 years at Livermore High as a teacher, coach and administrator, before moving to District as an assistant Superintendent for Personnel in 1984. While at Livermore, he also coached wrestling, football and baseball. Now retired, he spends much of his time giving back to this, where he has lived since 1964.

Adam has had a passion for photography since he

was a child growing up in Washington. After graduating with a degree in Commercial Photography, he has made this his career for the past 25 years. Adam now resides in Livermore, and owns and runs Adam J. Clark Photography,

Bob and Adam volunteer hundreds of hours every year taking pictures of our local athletes. And all of their pictures are made available on the Livermore-Granada Boosters website for the athletes, parents, and friends to enjoy.

If you enjoy the photos, we hope you would consider making a tax deductible **DONA- TION** to support our work





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#### **2016 COACHING HONORS**

#### Tim Rankin, Granada Girls' Golf Honor Coach

For Tim Rankin, the mark of success of his golf program isn't the North Coast Section championship banner hanging in the gym at Granada High. The greatest symbol of success, he said, is that every player who has gone through his program has completed or is on pace to finish a four-year degree. The Matadors enjoyed great success on the course, as well, during Rankin's tenure as head coach, from 2006-12. His 2009 team won the NCS title, took third at the NCS Tournament of Champions, third in the Northern California tournament and third at the CIF State championships at Poppy Hills. "That's a huge accomplishment as we are still the highest placing team from Northern California in the state tournament," Rankin said. "It's a pretty big accomplishment as our home course is a public course." A year later, the Matadors won the EBAL title, were third in NCS and fifth at NorCal. Rankin, who is still an assistant varsity baseball coach, said that emphasizing winning above all else is not his style. "I always felt that if you did the right thing as a coach on treating kids fair and with respect that winning will take care of itself." That approached helped four of his players earn golf scholarships to four-year schools. Rankin has served the NCS as a member of the Golf Committee, and has been involved with seeding meetings for football and baseball.



Granada diving coach Jeanette Thralls has a firm philosophy when it comes to coaching: To provide a positive learning environment for every diver that joins the team. "I never cut any diver off my team and I just take each diver to the next level." she said, "I keep a high standard of teaching the correct techniques of diving." One shining example was Matt Tyler who joined the team as a junior in 2012. Tyler developed and became an NCS champion as a senior. Including Matt Tyler, Thralls has had four NCS champion divers, in 2004 and 2005 her son Tyler Thralls and in 2008 her daughter Katie Thralls. More recently, Thralls has sent a diver to the inaugural State Championships this past year. "All of those were very special moments of my coaching years" Thralls said. Granada has had multiple divers compete every year at NCS since 1997. Thralls, who has coached diving at Granada since 1996, is also the area director for Young Life, a youth program in the Tri-Valley. With 20-35 divers at Granada, it is undeniable that Thralls has created a winning formula.



#### Toni-Ann Templeman Granada, Girls' Volleyball Honor Coach

Granada High took a bit of a gamble when it named Toni Templeman volleyball coach prior to the 2007 seasons, after just two seasons as an assistant coach. But it was a winning move. Templeman led the Matadors to the North Coast Section Division I finals in 2008 and 2009 and a berth in the CIF Northern California playoffs, and two more NCS appearances after that. "The most special moment was beating Deer Valley at their place in the NCS semifinals in 2008," Templeman said. "They were the No. I seed, we were No. 4. We swept them in three (games) and our crowd was incredible." Granada is part of the most competitive girls' volleyball league in the NCS – an East Bay Athletic League team has won the last 10 Division championships – so she knows the importance of fundamentals. "I love teaching kids basic skills and keeping things simple, but mostly I love helping them build a strong mindset," she said. "I believe in keeping the love in the game and remembering why they started in the first place." Templeman also coaches at the club level, and has given thousands of hours back to the game, coaching at all levels in camps, clinics, lessons and teams, she said.



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#### HOW YOU CAN SUPPORT OUR ORGANIZATION

The Livermore-Granada boosters was excited to hand out \$12,000 in scholarships to 12 student-athletes from Granada and Livermore High Schools in 2016, as well as recognizing athletes from 52 different sports from each high school. Our goals for 2016-17 and beyond are to be able to increase that amount. To do that, we need the help of the families and small business' within Livermore. Here are some of the ways you can support our organizational goals to be able to continue to offer scholarships to our local student-athletes:

#### RACE TO THE FLAGPOLE

Our primary fund-raiser of the year is the annual Race to the Flagpole. This year will mark the 7th year of our event, and we look to continue to grow this event from our outstanding participation in 2015.

Date: Saturday November 12th (Veteran's Day)

**Events**: I Mile, 5k, 10k, and Half Marathon **Location**: Independence Park, Livermore, CA.

Will run through Sycamore Grove

Times: Half Marathon (8:30am start), 10k

(9:00am start), 5k (9:15am start)

The event is a community celebration of our High School Scholar athletes, and all proceeds are directed to male and female scholar athletes at Livermore and Granada High Schools.

All participants will receive a race T-shirt and post-race refreshments. On race day, awards will be presented in the one mile, 5k, and fun run/ walk for the top three finishers in each age division.

The T-shirt for 2016 will be a Golden State Warriors inspired slate, light weight T, available in women's and men's cuts, allowing you to support your community and the Bay Area's team at the same time. Show your athletes—we are betting they will want one!

You can signup here for the at

https://www.imathlete.com/events/EventReg/ EventReg\_SelectType.aspx? fEID=37904&fNew=1&fsource=Main.

For more information about the race, please go to web page at www.racetotheflagpole.org

#### 2. INDIVIDUAL or BUSINESS SPONSORSHIP

If you are a local business and/or an active member of our community and want to help sponsor the race, please contact us

at livgraboosters@gmail.com.

Your sponsorship will benefit our scholar athletes and will provide you exposure within our great city.



#### **Annual Race to the Flagpole**

On November 15, 2015, we held our 6th annual Race to the Flagpole. This event serves as our primary fund raiser for the organization. It begins and ends at the flag pole at Independence Park in Livermore and runs through scenic Sycamore Grove Park. Events include a 1 mile fun run, a 5K, a 10K, and a half marathon. Proceeds support our scholarship fund.

In 2015, we held the race on November 14<sup>th</sup>. It was a beautiful day to run through Livermore's scenic parks and vineyards in south Livermore. Over 600 runners of all abilities registered to run in one-mile fun run, 5K run/walk, 10K run, and a half marathon events.

Livermore High School has the highest race participation by a school Livermore school and was awarded \$250.

Here are the winners and their times in each division:

1/2 Marathon:	(M)	Kevin Foy	1:20:30
	(F)	Victoria Butler	1:36:36
10K:	(M)	Greg Wichard	41:39:00
	(F)	Amy Starr	48:50:00
5K:	(M)	Julian Galicia-Thomas	18:38
	(F)	Hronn Gudmundsdot	tir 20:06
I mile:	(M)	Viliam Nowicki	7:35
	(F)	Ann Lydon	8:19

Full results from the 2015 race are HERE

2015 Race Photos can be found HERE

For more information about the race, please go to web page at www.racetotheflagpole.org

We want to thank everyone again for coming out to support our scholarship fund.

#### WHO ARE THE LIVERMORE-GRANADA BOOSTERS?

The Livermore-Granada Boosters were organized in 1949 by a group of former Livermore High School athletes, alumni, and civic-minded businessmen to foster and stimulate scholarship and athletics in the community high school. This group believed that outstanding students active in athletics became future good citizens with qualities of leadership, sportsmanship, and competitive spirit.

In 1958, the Boosters instituted the Olympian Scholarship Award to honor a scholar athlete at our annual banquet. The award was later enlarged several times and now includes a male and female athlete from Livermore and Granada High Schools.

Last year (2015-16), we handed out a total of \$12,000 in scholarships across six student-athletes from both Granada and Livermore High School. With continued support from local business and individuals, we aim to raise this amount in future years.

### WHERE ARE THEY NOW? Catching up with Past Olympians

Debra Callabresi was the 1986 Olympian Award winner from Livermore High School. Debra attended University of California at San Diego and graduated with a BA in Studio Art with a minor in Mechanical Engineering. The combination of Art and Engineering afforded her an opportunity to work with the UCSD Cray computing center, experimenting with visualization and animation. Debra went on to get a Masters of Fine Arts in Experimental Animation at California Institute of the Arts. She spent about 10 years in the entertainment industry working on a range of projects, from television work, to early internet sound and motion projects, to large format film special effects. Along the way she co-produced and did the effects for a short animated film, More, that was nominated for an Academy Award.

In 2000 she co-founded a startup company with 3 other friends that was venture funded, then eventually acquired for purchase. In the course of this project, Debra spun out a digital production company focusing on internet application called N-tonic, which is still her current company. N-tonic is now focused on web projects related to the use of technology in

public health, with clients throughout the state of California, and in Washington DC. Debra is currently one of the Principal Investigators in a 3-year Federal grant sponsored by the Centers for Medicaid and Medicare Services, which seeks to demonstrate a reduction of ER visits and Hospitalizations through HIV prevention and care in the DC area by utilizing technology in community based health care.

Debra says that "The Olympian award was empowering as a confidence booster in my early college life. I started my college experience knowing that hard work and persistence will eventually be rewarded. I loved both school and sports, and the lessons learned in high school served as foundation for the many paths my life has taken thus far. Being acknowledged for these efforts as an Olympian taught me early on the value of hard work, and how important it is to give back to others when life affords you the ability to do so."

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The Livermore-Granada Boosters are a hardworking group of local volunteers formed in 1949 as a nonprofit 501(c)(3) organization. We depend on donations to conduct our programs. If you believe in what we do and enjoy the pictures we provide, please consider making a donation of time and talents or money, or become a sponsor of one of our events. You can contact us or mail a tax deductible check to the Livermore-Granada Boosters. Soon we will have a way to easily make donations through our website.

Do you have time, talents and a desire to help the Boosters with our operations or events? This is another way you can support our scholarship and recognition programs that benefit Livermore students. If so please contact us. All help is greatly appreciated.

#### **UPCOMING EVENTS**

