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HIGHLIGHTS

- 2015-16 Olympian Award Winners
- 2016 Race to the Flagpole Information
- First results from Fall 2016 season

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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Welcome to the first installment for the 2016-17 school year of our weekly sports update. This newsletter is intended to track the sports teams and individuals from our two local public high schools—Granada and Livermore High School. We started this weekly update in the spring of 2016 with a desire to be able to better track the achievements of some phenomenal student-athletes and sports teams that reside in our wonderful home town of Livermore.

As several of our board members still have student-athletes participating in high school sports, like you, we have often been frustrated trying to track scores and accomplishments of family members, friends, or just your alma mater. We hope that this weekly update helps to bridge that gap.

Along the way, we want to introduce everyone to our local organization, 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 (2016), 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.

We would also like to thank outgoing co-president Brad Morsoli. Brad has been with an integral part of our organization for several years.

Jim Travis and Bret Dupuis, co-Presidents



OLYMPIAN AWARDS

On May 16th, 2016, we hosted our annual Olympian Awards Banquet. Over 500 student-athletes, coaches, parents, politicians, and others attended the event held at the Robert Livermore Community Center. At the banquet, we recognized three new members to the Livermore Hall of Fame (details on page 10). We then recognized one student-athlete from each of the 52 varsity sports for their integrity, sportsmanship, and inspirational leadership. This year also marked for the first year where we recognized a member from each schools Dance and Cheerleading squads.

Finally, the twelve Olympian finalists were introduced to the crowd, along with their athletic and academic accomplishments, and well as voluntary work that they have done in the community. Each of the finalists received a \$500 scholarship. Finally, we introduced the four Olympian Winners for 2016. They are:



Granada (G) - Megan McCandless

Granada (B) - Maxime Rooney

Livermore (G) - Kajol Maheshwari

Livermore (B) - Nathaniel Kratochvil

Each of the winners received a \$2000 college scholarship.

The festive evening concluded with the traditional Rivals Video, where we celebrated all the student-athletes in each sport through video and pictures.

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:

I. 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: 1 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?](https://www.imathlete.com/events/EventReg/EventReg_SelectType.aspx?FEID=37904&fNew=1&source=Main)

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For more information about the race, please go to [web page](http://www.racetotheflagpole.org) 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 livgrabooters@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 14th. 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 Gudmundsdottir	20:06
1 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](http://www.racetotheflagpole.org) at www.racetotheflagpole.org

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

UPCOMING LOCAL HIGH SCHOOL GAMES

September 5th - September 10th



	GRANADA HIGH				LIVERMORE HIGH			
Monday September 5								
Tuesday September 6	Golf (G)	V	vs San Ramon	3:30pm	Golf (G)	V	vs California	3:30pm
	Tennis	All	at Freedom	3:30pm	Volleyball (G)	V	at Amador	6:00pm
	Volleyball (G)	V	at Freedom	6:00pm		JV	at Amador	5:00pm
		JV	at Freedom	5:00pm		F	at Amador	4:00pm
		F	at Freedom	4:00pm				
	Water Polo (B)	V	at Encinal	6:00pm				
		JV	at Encinal	5:00pm				
Wednesday September 7	Volleyball (G)	V	vs Las Lomas	6:00pm				
		JV	vs Las Lomas	5:00pm				
		F	vs Las Lomas	4:00pm				
Thursday September 8	Golf (G)	V	at Dublin	3:30pm	Golf (G)	V	at Carondelet	3:30pm
	Football	F	at De La Salle	5:30pm	Football	F	vs California	5:30pm
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	Volleyball (G)	V	at Amador	6:00pm		JV	at Dublin	5:00pm
		JV	at Amador	5:00pm		F	at Dublin	4:00pm
		F	at Amador	4:00pm	Water Polo (B)	V	vs Amador	7:00pm
	Water Polo (B)	V	vs Monte Vista	7:00pm		JV	vs Amador	6:00pm
		JV	vs Monte Vista	6:00pm	Water Polo (G)	V	vs Amador	5:00pm
	Water Polo (G)	V	vs Monte Vista	5:00pm		JV	vs Amador	4:00pm
		JV	vs Monte Vista	4:00pm				
Friday September 9	Football	V	TBD	7:00pm	Football	V	at California	7:00pm
		JV	TBD	4:30pm		JV	at California	4:30pm
	Water Polo (B)		Tourney at Sierra	TBD				
	Water Polo (G)		Tourney at Newark Memorial	TBD				
Saturday September 10	Cross Country	All	Lowell Invitational	9:00am	Cross Country	All	Lowell Invitational	9:00am
	Volleyball (G)	JV	Tourney at Milpitas	TBD				
	Water Polo (B)	V	Tourney at Sierra	TBD				
	Water Polo (G)	V	Tourney at Newark Memorial	TBD				

LOCAL HIGH SCHOOL GAME RESULTS

August 29th - September 3rd



	GRANADA HIGH					LIVERMORE HIGH				
Monday August 29										
Tuesday August 30	Golf (G)	V	at California		W, 230-257	Golf (G)	V	at Daugherty Valley	3:30pm	(no score)
	Volleyball (G)	V	at Merrill F. West	6:00pm	W, 3-0	Volleyball (G)	V	vs Manteca	6:00pm	L, 3-0
		JV	at Merrill F. West	5:00pm	(no score)	JV	vs Manteca	5:00pm		(no score)
		F	at Merrill F. West	4:00pm	(no score)	JV	vs Manteca	4:00pm		(no score)
	Water Polo (G)	V	at Heritage	5:00pm	L, 12-3					
		JV	at Heritage	4:00pm	(no score)					
	Water Polo (B)	V	at Heritage	6:00pm	L, 16-3					
		JV	at Heritage	7:00pm	(no score)					
Wednesday August 31	Golf (G)	V	vs Livermore	3:30pm	W, Forfeit	Golf (G)	V	at Granada	3:30pm	L, Forfeit
Thursday September 1	Cross Country	All	Jaguar Inv't'l	2-6pm	See summary					
	Football	F	at Newark Memorial	5:30pm	(no score)	Football	F	at San Rafael		W, 48-0
	Golf (G)	V	vs Carondelet	3:30pm	L, 187-212	Volleyball (G)	V	vs Las Lomas		L, 3-1
	Volleyball (G)	V	vs Miramonte	5:00pm	L, 3-0		JV	vs Las Lomas		(no score)
		JV	vs Miramonte	4:00pm	(no score)		F	vs Las Lomas		(no score)
		F	vs Miramonte	3:00pm	(no score)	Water Polo (G)	V	at Foothill		W, 12-5
	Water Polo (G)	V	at Dougherty	5:00pm	W, 9-6					
		JV	at Dougherty	4:00pm	(no score)	Water Polo (B)	V	at Foothill		L, 7-5
		JV	at Dougherty	7:00pm	(no score)					
Friday September 2	Football	V	vs Newark Memorial	7:00pm	W, 56-13					
		JV	vs Newark Memorial	4:30pm	W, 42-0					
Saturday September 3						Cross Country	All	at Lagoon Valley Classic		See summary
						Volleyball (G)	V	vs Dougherty Valley		L, 2-0
						Volleyball (G)	V	vs San Lorenzo		W, 2-0
						Volleyball (G)	V	vs Arroyo		W, 2-0
						Volleyball (G)	V	vs American		W, 2-0
						Football	V	at Arroyo		W, 35-0
						Football	JV	at Arroyo		W, 28-0

VARSITY SPORTS RECAP—GRANADA HIGH



Cross Country

The Granada Cross Country team started the season very strong at the Jaguar Invitational in Tracy on Thursday. With 31 teams participating, the Girls and Boys Varsity, Girls JV, and Boys Sophomore teams all placed 1st, while the Boys JV (4th), Girls Frosh-Soph (2nd), and Boys Freshman (2nd) all did excellent. Outstanding efforts on the boys side were turned in by Seth Jepson (1st place, Frosh Boys), Julian Garcia-Thomas (1st, Soph Boys), Ben Dupuis (1st, JV Boys). In the Varsity race, Alex Hattori (4th), Tyler Hattori (6th), John Bennett (9th), Chris Kilday (10th), Kinaar Desai (12th), Cameron Priest (13th), and Andrew Walker (14th) had excellent runs. On the girls side, Taylor Bond (7th) and Georgia Bates (9th) had excellent runs in the frosh-soph race, Lexi Homen (2nd) Andrea Sommer (6th) and Meenakshi Singhai (10th) got meals in the JV race, and in the Varsity race, Kinga Bihari earned her first race win, followed by Gracie Dupuis (2nd), Daisy Guinchard (3rd), Kalea Bartolotto (4th), Colleen McCandless (5th), and Kaylie Lawsen (10th).

This Week: Saturday (9/10), Lowell Invitational in Golden Gate Park

Football

The Granada High Varsity football team is now 2-0, after a 56-13 win over Newark Memorial last Friday.

This Week: Friday (9/9) - vs TBD

Golf (girls)

The girls Golf team split matches last week. They beat California at the Bridges golf course on Tuesday by a score of 230-257, and then fell to Carondelet on Thursday 187-212.

This Week: Tuesday (9/6), Home vs San Ramon (3:30pm); Thursday (9/8), Away at Dublin (3:30pm)

Tennis (girls)

No matches last week

This Week: Tuesday (9/6), Away at Freedom (3:30pm),

Volleyball (girls)

The girls team went 1-1 last week. On Tuesday they beat Merrill F. West 3-0, and then lost to Miramonte 3-0 on Thursday.

This Week: Tuesday (9/6) Away at Freedom (6:00pm); Thursday (9/6) away at Amador (6:00pm)

Water Polo (girls)

The Granada Girls Water polo team also went 1-1 last week. On Tuesday (8/30), they lost at Heritage by a score of 12-3. But they came back on Thursday (9/1) and beat Daugherty Valley 9-6.

This Week: Thursday (9/8) Home vs Monte Vista (6:00pm); Saturday (9/10) Tournament at Newark Memorial

Water Polo (boys)

The Granada Boys Water polo team also went 1-1 last week. On Tuesday (8/30), they lost at Heritage by a score of 12-3. But they came back on Thursday (9/1) and beat Daugherty Valley 9-6.

This Week: Thursday (9/8) Home vs Monte Vista (6:00pm); Saturday (9/10) Tournament at Newark Memorial

VARSITY SPORTS RECAP—LIVERMORE HIGH



Cross Country

The Livermore Cross Country participated in the Lagoon Valley Classic last week. On the boys side in the Varsity race, Lucas Stroud (4th), Omar Maklaf (6th) and Devon Maheshwari (20th) as the team took 7th place. On the girls side, Rebecca Wheeler (22nd), Grace Roberts (32nd) and Madeline Tree (35th) paced the 7th place girls team.

This Week: Saturday (9/10), Lowell Invitational in Golden Gate Park

Football

The Cowboys won their second straight game of the season, topping San Rafael 48-0 this past Thursday.

This Week: Friday (9/9), Away at California (7:00pm)

Golf (girls)

No matches played last week

This Week: Tuesday (9/6) Home vs California (3:30pm)

Tennis (girls)

No matches played last week

This Week: No matches scheduled.

Volleyball (girls)

The Girls Varsity Volleyball team had a busy week. They dropped matches to Manteca (3-0), Las Lomas (3-1), and Dougherty Valley (2-0), and then won matches against San Lorenzo (2-0), Arroyo (2-0), and American (2-0)

This Week: Tuesday (9/6) Away at Amador (6pm); Thursday (9/8) Away at Dublin (6pm)

Water Polo (girls)

The Livermore Girls Water Polo team won their only match last week, beating Foothill 12-5 on Thursday (9/1).

This Week: Thursday (9/8) Home vs Amador Valley (5pm)

Water Polo (boys)

The Boys Water Polo team lost their only match last week, losing to Foothill 7-5 on Thursday (9/1).

This Week: Thursday (9/8) Home vs Amador Valley (7pm)

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 School 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

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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

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.

	SPORT	GRANADA HIGH	LIVERMORE HIGH	
FALL SPORTS	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	
	WINTER SPORTS	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	
SPRING SPORTS		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.

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 approach 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.



Jeanette Thralls, Granada, Swimming and Diving Honor Coach

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.

Pictures, Pictures, Pictures

Our town of Livermore is extremely fortunate to have two extraordinary photographers—**Bob Bronzan** and **Adam Clark**. These two gentlemen somehow manage to find their way to most of the sporting events of our two public high schools, capturing outstanding photographs of our student-athletes 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 **[DONATION](#)** to support our work



WHO ARE THE LIVERMORE-GRANADA BOOSTERS?

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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.

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Bret Dupuis
Co-President

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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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UPCOMING EVENTS

Race to the Flagpole

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