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## Fall 2017 CIF Spirit of Sport Award Winners Announced *Olivia Jarvis, El Camino (Oceanside) HS and Sergio Manzo, Eureka HS are Honored*

**SACRAMENTO, CALIF.** — Olivia Jarvis (El Camino High School, Oceanside) and Sergio Manzo (Eureka High School) were named the recipients of the prestigious CIF Spirit of Sport Award for Fall 2017. These two statewide winners will receive an award, a patch, a \$1,000 scholarship and be recognized at the year-end CIF Federated Council dinner on April 8, 2018, in San Jose.

The CIF Spirit of Sport Award recognizes student-athletes who have demonstrated the 16 principles of Pursuing Victory with Honor<sup>sm</sup>, are active in school and community service and exhibit leadership qualities. The principles of Pursuing Victory with Honor<sup>sm</sup> are the operating principles of the CIF and have been adopted by the 1,587-member high schools throughout the state.

“These recipients have exemplified the Spirit of Sport and reflect the positive elements of Pursuing Victory with Honor<sup>sm</sup>, reinforcing the value of education-based athletics,” said CIF Executive Director Roger L. Blake.

The winter and spring Spirit of Sport winners will be announced following their respective submission deadlines. Additionally, the CIF will select a boy and girl Section winner, in each of the 10 Sections for each season of sport, from all submitted applications to receive \$500. A list of all fall 2017 Section recipients follows.

**Olivia Jarvis** is three-sport athlete at El Camino High School as a member of the cross country (captain), basketball and track and field teams and is also a member of ECHS Advanced Orchestra. She is also involved in her community volunteering at the Ronald McDonald House and serving as a counselor for the Summer Reading Clinic over the years.

“I learned that sportsmanship means you are never alone,” states Jarvis. “The team is more than just you and those that suit up as you – when it counts, it is all of us who share the course. The lessons cross country has taught me about spirit and sportsmanship will be carried with me as I move through adulthood.”

“Her never ending goal to make herself and this world a better place truly captivates the essence of what it means to ‘Pursue Victory with Honor’,” praised El Camino Cross Country Assistant Coach Roberto Suarez. “She is first known for her dedication, tenacity, and everlasting drive to lead with strength. This is where people have the utmost respect for her. Olivia never hesitates to do what is right.”

El Camino Teacher, Head Cross Country and Distance Track Coach adds, “Olivia has always been a humble, stable and strong leader who is positive and works towards both team and individual goals.”

**Sergio Manzo** is a four-year member of the Eureka High School football team and currently serves as team captain. He is also involved in many other school activities including, Student Athlete Advisory Council, Multicultural Club, Interact Club, Debate Club and Academic Decathlon. Sergio has also volunteered in his community, organizing a variety of fund raising activities for the homeless.

“The value of putting the team’s necessities over any of my personal glory was something that I developed,” states Manzo, “I have come to understand that it is a privilege to serve the team and recognize that everyone’s role on the team has equal value. The true meaning and lesson that I’ve learned though putting the team first is going into service and expecting nothing in return for everything that I’ve done.”

“Sergio is a highly motivated, well-rounded individual who has worked hard to influence and shape his campus and community,” stated Eureka Principal Jennifer Johnson. “In short, Sergio is ready to take on any challenge. Most importantly, Sergio still has the potential for incredible growth. The best is yet to come for Sergio.”

“Words that readily come to mind to describe him include: commitment, integrity, drive discipline and dedication,” added Eureka Athletic Director Kristie Christiansen. “Sergio’s positive energy is infectious; his heart is gold and without a doubt his passion is second to none!”

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**2017 CIF Fall Spirit of Sport SECTION Winners**

**Central Section**

Grant Chauncey – Water Polo, Sierra High School (Tollhouse)

Rachel Beckmann – Tennis and Water Polo, Sierra High School (Tollhouse)

**Central Coast Section**

Stephanie Ren - Tennis, Saratoga High School

Niko Rositano – Football, Saratoga High School

**Los Angeles City Section**

Kaelyn Lee – Volleyball, Eagle Rock High School (Los Angeles)

Javier Valencia – Cross Country, Diego Rivera High School (Los Angeles)

**North Coast Section**

Amy Herrmann – Volleyball, Middletown High School

Michael Jamison, Jr. – Football, Lower Lake High School

**Northern Section**

Nestor Chavez – Football, Willows High School

Madison Offield – Volleyball, Happy Camp High School

**Oakland Section**

Jonathan Latu – Football, Fremont High School (Oakland)

Tupou Puaa – Volleyball, Skyline High School (Oakland)

**Sac-Joaquin Section**

Daniel Carbajal – Cross Country, Rio Linda High School

Maria Valenzuela – Golf, Lodi High School

**San Diego Section**

Keely Carney – Tennis, Cathedral Catholic High School (San Diego)

Bryan Shaw – Football, Francis Parker School (San Diego)

**San Francisco Section**

Victoria Louie – Volleyball, John O’Connell High School (San Francisco)

Clifton Nguyen – Football, Phillip and Sala Burton High School (San Francisco)

**Southern Section**

Samantha James – Volleyball, Marshall Fundamental Secondary School (Pasadena)

Michael Rosales – Football, Chino Hills High School