

# Miracle League of San Diego honors graduating seniors

The Miracle League of San Diego recently awarded scholarships to eight local students recognizing their exceptional service to special needs athletes. All eight graduating seniors were awarded the Outstanding Service Award for their leadership skills on and off the field and their commitment to Miracle League. The Miracle League of San Diego provides the opportunity for special needs children to experience the fun of playing organized baseball at two locations in San Diego County: Engel Family Field, a Little Padres Park, at San Dieguito Park in Solana Beach and Coronado Green Field at Coronado High School in Coronado. Students and adults serve as coaches and buddies, assisting the athletes in the dugout, around the field and at bat.

Recipients for the Outstanding Service Award are Katherine Lauerman, Adrienne Rozells, Noah Ayres, Erin Berg, Annika Patton, Sophie Ausmus, Cheyne Ostrander and Kathryn Garcia.

Katherine Lauerman is a senior at Torrey Pines High School. She has been a Miracle League Buddy since spring of 2009. In addition to being a Buddy, Katherine has also been a ML Intern for the past 2 seasons. Katherine is a competitive swimmer, and has been on the TPHS Varsity Swim Team since her freshman year. Outside of swimming and Miracle League, she has been a part of the TPHS Best Buddies Club since freshman year and this year is club president. She participates in Relay for Life at TPHS, and she's been in the same Girl Scout troop since kindergarten. She is an outstanding student who hopes to attend a

prestigious liberal arts college where she can continue her competitive swimming career.

Adrienne Rozells is a senior at Canyon Crest Academy with a 4.04 GPA. She has been a Buddy for seven seasons with Miracle League. She is a member of the Envision Conservatory for the Humanities & Qid-ditch Team. Adrienne is an AP Scholar with Distinction & an Honor Roll student.

Noah Ayres is a senior at Torrey Pines High School with a 3.6 GPA. He has been a buddy for every season since Miracle League began – 16 seasons over 8 years. Noah swims club for NCA and for the Torrey Pines High School team. He is a member of the Autism Awareness.

Erin Berg is a senior at Academy of Our Lady of Peace with over a 4.0 GPA. She has been a buddy for three seasons at Miracle League. She has been on Varsity track since freshman year and runs the 100 & 300 hurdles and relays. She is a retreat leader for the Senior Retreat at OLP.

Annika Patton is a senior at Canyon Crest Academy and has been the buddy to Josh Bigelow for seven years now. Annika has been one of the most consistent buddies ever. Annika is also very accomplished academically, and leads CCA's TedX program.

Sophie Ausmus is a senior at La Jolla Country Day and has been a dedicated buddy with Miracle League for several seasons. She is a young leader who is a two-sport athlete (and team captain for both). She is a student council member and leader of the jungle, the La Jolla Country Day spirit section. She is committed to charity as evidenced by her devotion to MLSD and other causes,



Outstanding Service Award winners. From L to R: Katherine Lauerman, Annika Patton, Sophie Ausmus, Adrienne Rozells and Erin Berg. Courtesy Photo

such as ALS awareness and research. Sophie is a peer leader at LJCD, mentoring incoming freshman who are struggling to adapt to high school.

Cheyne Ostrander is a senior at Coronado High School. She has been with Miracle League for six seasons at Coronado Green Field and has never missed a game the past three years as a buddy. Cheyne has encouraged all of her friends to join MLSD and has a reputation of being a wonderful, compassionate, encouraging and positive young person.

Kathryn Garcia is a senior at Coronado

High School with over a 4.3 GPA. She has volunteered as a buddy since 2013 with Miracle League. Kathryn's other volunteer activities include serving food at the Ronald McDonald House and planting trees on Coronado with the San Diego NROTC unit. Kathryn's kind heart and compassionate nature is further evidenced by her plans to study and pursue a career in psychology. Kathryn demonstrates leadership with the Coronado High School Chapter of the Health Occupation Students of America, in which she is currently serving her second consecutive role as President.

## TPHS to host Under Armour Holiday Basketball Tournament

Torrey Pines High School will once again host the 26th Annual Under Armour Holiday Classic Basketball Tournament Dec. 26-30. Eighty-one high school teams from 10 states will be competing in this four-day event.

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