



## **2020-2021 Alice Bergna Award Presentation Adrian C. Wilcox High School**

This award is named in honor of Alice Bergna, a former Wilcox Physical Education teacher and coach. Mrs. Bergna promoted girls sports programs and emphasized the highest standards of sportsmanship in her classes and on the teams she coached. She was appreciated and loved by her students and colleagues here at Wilcox.

I am honored to present the Alice Bergna Award to an outstanding female athlete that has competed in at least two sports during her senior year at Wilcox High School.

Before I begin, I would like to congratulate the three honorees for your hard work in your chosen sports. All of your efforts are recognized, and you should be proud of what you have accomplished. You dedicated yourselves to countless hours of practices, workouts, and games all while maintaining impressive course loads. Congratulations again to each of you.

Each finalist will receive a plaque and a lifetime pass to all of Wilcox's home-sporting events. The Bergna Award winner will also receive a \$500 scholarship that is sponsored by our Dads, Grads and Moms Booster Club and Wilcox Athletics.

### **2021 Bergna Award Winners**

#### **Bergna Award Winner -- Amanda McDowell**



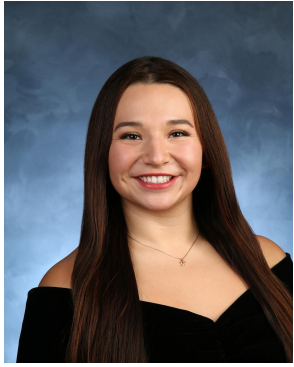
Amanda played an impressive eleven Varsity seasons over her four years at Wilcox. Due to COVID restrictions, for her senior year, Amanda was only able to play two sports. She was a four year Varsity Volleyball player and received Co-Offensive Player of the Year and Honorable Mention All League honors her sophomore year and was named First Team All League her junior year. She was also a member of the Varsity Basketball team for three years. In the spring season, Amanda spent four years on the Varsity Softball Team. She received Honorable Mention All League her freshman year and was honored with the Coach's Award her sophomore year.

One memory that she thinks will be with her forever is making CCS for volleyball her junior year (2019-2020) and winning as the underdog in the first round. The team beat Leigh and then traveled to Gilroy as a team. Another memory that stands out to Amanda is getting the game winning kill for the volleyball team on the last point of her last game senior year.

Amanda has a 4.129 GPA and is going to Cal Poly San Luis Obispo next year to major in construction management. She hopes to use her degree to become a general contractor in the future.



### **First Runner Up - Justine Garcia**



Justine's one season on the court was during her freshman year where she played Varsity Basketball and the team qualified for CCS. The majority of Justine's high school athletic career was spent in the pool. In the water, she spent one year on JV Water Polo and three years on Varsity. Freshman, sophomore and junior year she received both All League Awards and Offensive Player of the Year for each season. Senior year there were no All League Awards, but she did receive the Captain Award. Justine also spent three years on Varsity Swimming where she qualified for CCS her Freshman and Sophomore Year, and then COVID put an end to her Junior season and any chance at the postseason.

Justine's favorite Wilcox memory is when the Water Polo team finally beat Santa Clara for the first time in four years during her sophomore year.

She will be continuing her athletic and academic careers at CSU East Bay. She will be swimming and studying Chemistry with a plan to become a Chemical Engineer.

### **Second Runner Up - Marina McNeil-Vivanco**



Marina spent four years as part of our Varsity Track and Field team. Her Sophomore Year she received MVP Throwing Award, third in league in both Discus and Shot Put and she went to CCS for Discus. Her Junior and Senior years were cut short by COVID allowing no league awards and no CCS for Junior Year. During her Junior Year she was a part of our school's first Field Hockey team, and she continued to play her Senior Year receiving the Coach's Award this year. Marina rounded out her career with two years of Varsity Wrestling. During her two years on mat, Marina received Breakout Wrestler of the Year award, placed First at SCVAL, and Third at CCS, additionally, she went 2-2 at the CIF State Championship her Junior Year. Unfortunately due to COVID restrictions, Marina was unable to wrestle this year as it fell in the same season as Track and Field.

Over the last weekend, Marina took First in shot put at the SCVAL meet and Fifth in discus. She qualified to compete in both for CCS on the 12th and 19th of June.

Marina's favorite athletic memory at Wilcox is being able to go to the State Wrestling Tournament her Junior Year and being able to have the opportunity to wrestle with some of the best girls in the state of California. This is something that she will remember forever because it reminded her to stay humble and to always do her best even when the odds are against her.

Next year she plans to attend SJSU and participate on their Track and Field Team while majoring in Biological Sciences. Ultimately, she plans to apply to UC Davis for their Veterinary School.

