



2019-2020 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 the 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 all six honorees for your hard work in your chosen sports. All of your efforts are being recognized, and you should be very proud of what you have accomplished. I was beyond impressed to read over and score your applications. You dedicated yourselves to countless hours of practices, workouts, and games all while maintaining very impressive GPAs and immersing yourself in some of our schools' most challenging courses. 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 \$250 scholarship that is sponsored by our Dads, Grads and Moms Booster Club as well as \$250 from Wilcox Athletics.

## **2020 Bergna Award Winners**

### **Bergna Award Winner -- Deena Pederson**



Deena was a four year member and starter for both the volleyball and softball teams. In volleyball, Deena received Team Defensive MVP two years, Team Co-Offensive Player of the Year and Co-MVP player of the Year. League awards: one year Honorable Mention, one year Second Team All League and two years 1st Team All League. This year the volleyball team made it to the CCS Quarterfinals which was the furthest they had ever gone. Coach Lujan said, "without Deena being a part of the program over the last four years, this team would not have been as successful as they were this year. She's been an excellent role model for leadership and work ethic. Deena is the most talented and athletic girl I have ever coached." In softball, Deena received the team MVP for offense for two years and was First Team All League for two years. She also received a top honor her sophomore year of First Team All

League, SCVAL De Anza Division Most Valuable Player. Deena's sophomore year she ran track in the spring and was planning to do so again this year. She holds the 6th place Wilcox record for the 100m women's and the 9th place for the women's 200 m. A four year Member of CSF, Deena is graduating with a GPA over 4.5.

Deena will be attending UC San Diego to study Mathematics and Computer Science and will continue her softball career playing in the Big West Conference.

### **First Runner Up -- Elise Corwin**



Elise dedicated her time in the Creighton A. Lane Memorial Gym as a four year varsity volleyball and basketball player. She received the Coach's Award for volleyball one year, Most Valuable Player one year, Co-MVP one year, and was First Team All League two years. Her freshman year she was named Captain of the varsity team and then was chosen at the end of the season to be selected as a First Team All League player as well as the SCVAL De Anza Division Freshman of the Year. Her achievements on the basketball court led to her being named to the First Team All League for all four years and she was named tournament MVP in numerous basketball tournaments as well. She was also part of the volleyball team that made it to the CCS Quarterfinals this year and helped her basketball team compete in CCS for three years as well as making it to the State Tournament her junior year.

Elise leaves Wilcox with a 4.49 GPA and is headed to Occidental College in Los Angeles to study Cognitive Science and play collegiate basketball.

### **Second Runner Up -- Hayley McGilvery**



Hayley was a three sport athlete competing in all 12 sport seasons in high school. She spent one year on JV volleyball and three years on varsity earning Honorable Mention All League Honors her senior year. In the winter, she spent two years on the JV soccer team earning Second Team All League her sophomore year and then spent two years on varsity. Hayley competed all four years in the spring as a member of the track team. She placed seventh in the El Camino Finals for Varsity Long Jump in 2017, seventh in El Camino Finals for Varsity Triple Jump in 2019 and is among the Top 25 Female Triple Jumpers in Wilcox School History.

Hayley is graduating with a 4.5 GPA and will head off to Cal Poly San Luis Obispo in the fall as an Animal Science major on the pre-vet track.

### **Third Runner Up -- Serena Cadena**



Serena played two years of JV water polo and two years of JV basketball where she earned First Team All League and Second Team All League. This year Serena was a member of our first field hockey team and received Most Improved team honors. In addition, she spent four years as a varsity softball player earning First Team All League two years.

Serena earned a 3.66 GPA and will be playing softball at Cal State East Bay and majoring in Sociology.

### **Fourth Runner Up (tie) -- Marisa Lipari**



Marisa was a four year member of the water polo team spending one year on JV and three years on varsity. She received two First Team All League honors. For team awards, Marisa received Most Valuable Defensive Player, Coach's Award, and Most Valuable Player. Marisa was a JV swimmer and diver for two years. She received the Coach's Award one year, made First Team All League her sophomore year, and took 2nd place in the League Championship for diving. Marisa was a member of the varsity swimming and diving team for two years. While on varsity, she received the Coach's Award one year and qualified for CCS diving one year.

Marisa is graduating with a 4.28 GPA and will be attending Occidental College in Los Angeles to major in Psychology and play water polo for the Tigers.

#### **Fourth Runner up (tie) -- Catalina Rao**



Catalina ran one year of JV cross country earning Fastest Newcomer. She played varsity water polo for two years and ran JV track for one year. She swam for three years spending one on JV and two years on varsity. Catalina played two years of JV soccer and two years of varsity soccer and was named Best Offensive Player one year, Best Defender one year and received First Team All League her senior year. She was also Editor for the Scribe for two years and Editor-in-Chief for one year.

Catalina is leaving Wilcox with a 4.39 GPA and heading off to NYU majoring in Environmental Studies.