



Southwest High Girls Soccer Team Earns Wings-n-Things Victory With Honor Award

The Southwest High girls soccer team, winners of the 2016 CIF San Diego Section Division IV championship, has been named the CIF's Wings-n-Things Victory with Honor Award recipient for the winter season.

The Raiders' CIF championship was the first ever for the Southwest girls team. "The camaraderie and unity that the girls displayed this past season were catalysts in achieving our goals of winning league and CIF," said coach Guillermo Medina.

The coach noted the girls' development over the course of the season, both on and off the field. "These young ladies continually supported each other and were extremely mature in dealing with let downs and setbacks. The support and maturity amongst the team contributed to them developing and growing as soccer players as well as successful young ladies."

As the sponsor of the Victory With Honor recognition program, Wings-n-Things catered a party for the team, its coaches, and the school personnel that supported them. Southwest Principal Lee Romero and Athletic Director Manny Tapia attended the luncheon, along with Medina and the team.

Romero commended Medina for his work with the team, and congratulated the girls for the first girls soccer championship in the school's 40-year history.

CIF San Diego Section Commissioner Jerry Schniepp said the Raiders exemplify the CIF's Victory With Honor slogan. "That's a great soccer team," Schniepp said. "They represented their school and community extremely well. The entire campus and community should be proud of the team's accomplishment. That's what high school sports are all about."

The Victory With Honor award was initiated to recognize more than athletic excellence, Schniepp said. "There are so many aspects of high school athletics that are valuable in the development of young people," Schniepp said. "Teamwork, respect, honesty, perseverance. Anyone who has competed knows these things. But it's important to remind folks of the character traits that athletics teach. We're real pleased to have the support of Wings-n-Things, so we can honor teams that exemplify those traits."