



Natalie Duran

Chino High cheerleader will ring in New Year in London

Chino High cheerleader Natalie Duran will celebrate the beginning of 2017 by performing in London's famous New Year's Day Parade.

The senior is one of more than 650 high school cheerleaders and dancers from across the United States and the only cheerleader from Chino Valley Unified School District chosen to represent Varsity Spirit in the parade. Varsity Spirit holds cheerleading competitions, camps, and clinics, and sells cheerleading uniforms.

The individuals invited to perform in the New Year's parade qualified for the trip after being nominated as an All-American at one of the summer camps hosted by Varsity Spirit.

"All-Americans are selected to try out based on superior cheerleading, dancing, and leadership skills at camps across the country," Varsity Spirit officials said in a press release. "Only the top 10% of the more than 325,000 cheerleaders and dancers who attend the 5,000 Varsity summer camp sessions earn the chance to march in the holiday spectacular."

Natalie will be among 10,000 performers from all over the world participating in the parade that is seen by nearly 300 million people around the world, according to Varsity Spirit officials.

In addition to cheering in the parade, Natalie will tour some of London's historic sites during her seven-day stay that begins December 26.

Natalie has been involved in cheerleading at Chino High since her freshmen year. She is currently varsity cheer captain. She has also cheered for Union All American since she was in the fifth grade. Natalie is also involved in Renaissance (academic recognition), Project Earth ecology club, soccer, and swimming at Chino High.

A student in the Chino Valley Unified School District since kindergarten, Natalie plans to attend Pepperdine University and become an attorney.