



Don Lugo High Future Farmers of America members Natalie Camacho and Trynity Lizarago hold their State FFA Degrees.

Two Don Lugo High students earn prestigious Future Farmers of America State Degree

Don Lugo High students Natalie Camacho and Trynity Lizarago were awarded their Future Farmer of America (FFA) State Degrees March 18 at the 2017 Southern Region FFA Award Banquet in La Habra.

The State FFA Degree is awarded to FFA members who have demonstrated the highest level of commitment to the California State FFA Association and made significant accomplishments in their Supervised Agricultural Experiences. Approximately 1,800 State FFA Degrees are handed out each year. That number represents approximately 3% of the California FFA association membership, making it the State's highest honor. In addition to their degree, each recipient receives a gold State FFA Degree charm. The top State FFA Degree recipients may also apply for a Star Award.

Other Don Lugo High students and faculty recognized at the event are:

Orange Section Contest

- Natalie Lambert, first place, Impromptu Speaking (Orange Section and Southern Region Contests)
- Don Lugo High, fifth place, Best Informed Greenhand - Chapters

Southern Region Star Awards

- Don Lugo High Principal Kimberly Cabrera, Star Administrator
- Don Lugo High Counselor Cristina Demicoli, Star Counselor
- Don Lugo High Counselor Darcy Jensen-Ward, Star Supporting Teacher

The Star Awards program recognizes the outstanding efforts of FFA members, along with the dedicated efforts of advisors, counselors, and local administration. Star Awards can be handed out at the Chapter, Section, Region, State, and National levels.

Southern Region Proficiency Awards

- Faith Layman, Equine Science Placement

San Diego Section Field Day

- Don Lugo FFA team, first place, Team Horse Judging
- Heidi Benitz, third place, Individual Horse Judging
- Bobby Estrada, sixth place, Individual Horse Judging
- Hazel Carpenter, seventh place, Individual Horse Judging
- Kaitlin Carrillo, eighth place, Individual Horse Judging