

## **CVUSD students Kayla Jones and Brianna Cabrera are Fair Heroes**

Two Chino Valley Unified School District students have been named Young Adult Community Heroes for the Los Angeles County Fair that is underway through Sept. 27 in Pomona.

Kayla Jones of Chino Hills High is the Chino Hills Young Adult Hero and will be honored with Adult Community Hero Laura Montegue on Chino Hills Day at the Fair on Friday, Sept. 18. Ms. Montegue is known for reuniting lost pets with their owners and finds homes for stray dogs.

Brianna Cabrera of Don Lugo High is the Chino Young Adult Hero and will be recognized with Adult Community Hero Augustine Tapia on Chino Day at the Fair on Wednesday, Sept. 23. Mr. Tapia served on the Chino Valley Unified School District Board of Education in from the mid-1970s through the early 1980s. He is currently president of the Chino Valley Historical Society.

A Community Reception will be held on the cities' respective days from 3:00 to 4:45 p.m. at the Court of the Redwoods at the fairgrounds, 1101 W. McKinley Ave., Pomona. The reception will include a Community Hero Awards Ceremony at 4 p.m. A Community Days Parade, featuring the Heroes, local dignitaries, and school bands, will be held at 5 p.m. on the cities' respective days at the fair.

Kayla, daughter of Curtis and Joan Jones, is a junior at Chino Hills High School, an honors student, and a participant in the AVID (Advancement Via Individual Determination) college preparation program. She is active in the Black Student Union, and competes in track and field at Chino Hills High.

She is a member of the high school ministry at Inland Hills Church in Chino, and works with preschoolers as a children's church volunteer leader. Kayla also assists in the weekly bingo games at Chino American Legion Post 299, and has worked on fundraisers for the Chino Hills Dog Park Committee. She has adopted a trail for litter removal at Soquel Canyon Parkway and Pipeline Avenue, and participates in the Walk Against Human Trafficking and Relay for Life fundraising efforts for the American Cancer Society.

Kayla plans to earn a master's degree in gerontology and pursue a degree in law.

Brianna, the daughter of Don Lugo High Principal Kim Cabrera and Stephen Cabrera Sr. of Chino Hills, attends Don Lugo High in Chino. Brianna started a Best Buddies program chapter for Don Lugo during the 2014-15 school year. Best Buddies was founded in 1989 to help create friendships for students with intellectual disabilities. Brianna is also a member of Don Lugo's Associated Student Body leadership, and on the school's varsity track team.

She is raising a black Labrador Retriever puppy for Guide Dogs for the Blind. The dog, Quinn, is a regular at Don Lugo, where he is learning socialization skills.

For the last 10 years, Brianna has been involved in gymnastics. She is in her third year as a cheerleader with CheerForce Orange County, where she is a member of the Level 4 team Kryptonite, which won USA Nationals in March.