

Greenhill Sophomore Meets Cowboys Legend Roger Staubach, But That's Not The Only Hall of Famer The Triathlete Will See



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Former Dallas Cowboys quarterback Roger Staubach (left) was at Greenhill on Wednesday, May 11 to recognize Greenhill sophomore Ariana Luterman as a U.S. Army Pro Football Hall of Fame Award for Excellence finalist. Photo by U.S. Army

Greenhill sophomore Ariana Luterman got to meet Pro Football Hall of Famer Roger Staubach on Wednesday.

This summer, Luterman will have an opportunity to attend the enshrinement ceremony for Edward DeBartolo Jr., Tony Dungy, Brett Favre, Kevin Greene, Marvin Harrison, Orlando Pace, Dick Stanfel and the late Ken Stabler -- the Hall of Fame's Class of 2016.

Staubach, a former Cowboys quarterback, was at Greenhill to recognize Luterman as a U.S. Army-Pro Football Hall of Fame Award for Excellence finalist.

"It was an incredible opportunity," Luterman said. "Mr. Staubach is the consummate gentleman, business professional, philanthropist and athlete. We had a great conversation."

The Award for Excellence program is open to all sophomore, junior and senior level high school athletes in the United States. The prestigious honor focuses on great athletic achievement, excellence in academics and community engagement. They will be honored in Canton, Ohio, this summer during the Pro Football Hall of Fame Enshrinement Weekend.

"Both the U.S. Army and the Pro Football Hall of Fame have values deeply rooted in teamwork and a commitment to excellence," said **Mark Davis**, deputy assistant secretary of the Army for marketing. "We are thrilled to recognize these 20 outstanding student-athletes, who, throughout their high school careers, have demonstrated incredible dedication to academics, athletics and civic engagement."

Luterman has been competing in triathlons since she was 7, and she runs cross country and track and swims for Greenhill. She formed Team Ariana when she was 12, and her triathlon career has helped her raise more than \$150,000 in cash donations, goods and services for homeless children. She is a top nationally ranked triathlete and duathlete and earned All-American honors and a position on Team USA for this past season.

Luterman has her own line of race wear, and sponsors can buy spots on her race kits. All of the money goes to Vogel Alcove in Dallas, which provides free child development services for homeless children 6 weeks to 5 years old.

"The first time I was involved with them was one of my birthday parties," Luterman said. "Instead of asking for presents, I asked for donations. I brought all of these basic necessities to Vogel Alcove. Before I left, they were all gone. I had mothers coming up to me and thanking me, and kids that were walking over to me and saying thank you."

"It was incredible to see how something that small could benefit so many people immediately. I knew I could do more."