



# TRIATHLETE NOTEPAD

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## TEXAS TRIATHLETE FETED AT PRO FOOTBALL HALL OF FAME

Dallas-area triathlete Ariana Luterman was named the winner of the U.S. Army-Pro Football Hall of Fame Award for Excellence on August 6 in Canton, Ohio, home of the Hall of Fame.

Luterman, a junior this fall at Dallas' Greenhill School, was presented with the honor by several NFL Hall of Famers during a luncheon at the Hall of Fame Event Center. The Award for Excellence program highlights the achievements of student-athletes across the country. Open to all sophomore, junior, and senior level high school athletes in the U.S., the program focuses on athletic achievement combined with excellence in academics and community engagement.

"Ariana has demonstrated to her peers, teachers and coaches that she understands both the core of the Army ethos – she never accepts defeat and quitting is never an option – but also, the Army values of loyalty, duty, respect, selfless service, honor, integrity and personal courage," said Mark Davis, deputy assistant secretary of the Army for marketing. "We are thrilled to recognize Ariana and all of our outstanding student-athletes here today. Each



Ariana Luterman has helped raise over \$150,000 for a charity that serves homeless children in the Dallas area, and was honored with the U.S. Army-Pro Football Hall of Fame Award for Excellence.

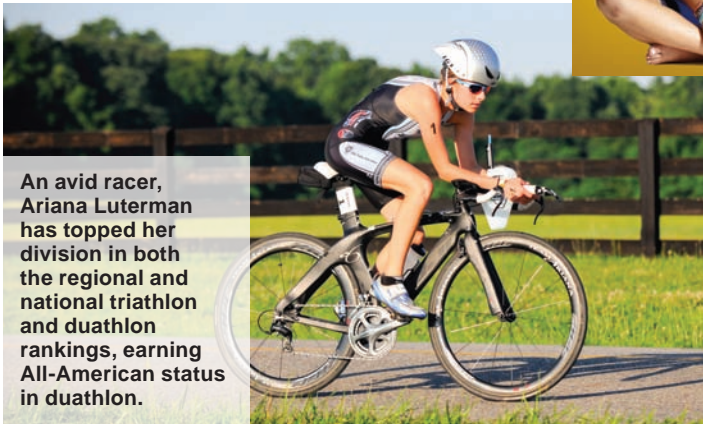


of our 20 finalists deserves recognition for their exceptional performance in athletics, academics and community involvement."

In addition to participating in cross country, track and swimming for her school – where she's twice earned All-SPC honors in cross country – Luterman is also an active triathlete, topping her age group in both the 2015 regional triathlon rankings and the national duathlon rankings. She also earned national All-American honors in the duathlon.

But where Luterman really stands out is her dedication to helping homeless children, most specifically through Vogel Alcove. The Dallas non-profit helps serve homeless children aged six weeks to five years. Since beginning Team Ariana when she was 12, Luterman's triathlon efforts have helped raise over \$150,000 for Vogel Alcove.

Previously, Luterman was honored with the Prudential Spirit of Community Award as one of Texas' top volunteers of 2016.



An avid racer, Ariana Luterman has topped her division in both the regional and national triathlon and duathlon rankings, earning All-American status in duathlon.

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