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Venture Academy Student Recognized by Board of Education for Taking 3rd Place in State Wrestling Tournament

Female Wrestler Becomes First Venture Athlete to Place at State Level

With her proud parents and coaches sitting next to her, Aysia Cortez was recognized by the San Joaquin County Board of Education for taking third place overall in the recent State Wrestling Tournament, becoming Venture Academy's first-ever athlete to place at the state level.

The award was presented to the 18-year-old at the regular board meeting on March 16 at the San Joaquin County Office of Education.

"Aysia has been a trendsetter here at Venture Academy and built a strong foundation for wrestling in particular. That will benefit others down the line here at the school, due to her hard work and dedication," Venture Academy Athletic Director James Sells said.

Since her win Cortez has been offered a scholarship to Life University in Atlanta, Ga. to play the sport. She plans to sign with the university next week and study sports therapy.

Head Coach David Sok and Assistant Coach Charlie Seang both describe Cortez as a tough competitor.

Cortez first began her wrestling career with East Union Lancer Youth in Manteca when she was in the seventh grade. But she said she didn't start being competitive until last year, the first year that her school created a wrestling team.

The Venture Academy girls basketball team was also recognized by the Board for their achievements this season, as well as the boys basketball Coach T.J. Walker, and the girls basketball Coach, Greg Azevedo, who both were named "Coach of the Year."

For more information, visit the Venture Academy Athletic Twitter page @VentureAthletic.

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