

Delia Gonzalez Award

Delia Gonzalez was 19, when in 2013, she passed away from complications due to aplastic anemia. Despite the trials she endured, chemo, radiation and a bone marrow transplant to name a few, she was a remarkable young woman, strong in faith, and wise beyond her years. Those of us blessed to know her were the better for it.

Delia was an artist, writer, poet, photographer and, of course, a Dressage rider. Before she died, she fulfilled two of her three stated goals: to ride in a clinic with a top trainer and to compete at Training 3, qualifying for State Championships. Her third goal was to ride First Level, which she sadly did not realize. To honor her memory and her legacy, Agape Dressage founded this award, to be given to the Junior with the highest average at Training or First Level, in either schooling or recognized shows. In addition to the memorial plaque, lovingly created by Jamie DeConcini, the recipient will receive \$200 to help further their Dressage education, This year the Delia Gonzalez Memorial Award has been presented to **Isabelle Aragon-Morales**.

