



## Winston School seniors graduate in La Jolla ceremony



Winston School award winners Matthew Gehring and Madalyn Tesoro. Photo: Courtesy



Winston School senior Sadie Feuerstein and her mother Shawn. Sadie performed at the graduation ceremony and is leaving this summer to join Up with People. Photo: Courtesy

Matthew Gehring and Madalyn Tesoro won the top two awards at The Winston School graduation on June 17 at the San Diego Museum of Contemporary Art La Jolla.

Matthew won the Headmaster's Award, the school's highest honor. He entered Winston School after his sophomore year with visual processing deficit that made reading a challenge. Now he is heading for California State University Monterey Bay with a newly discovered passion for design and editing and a plan to study teledramatic arts.

Headmaster Mike Peterson introduced him at the ceremony as "a person whose keen intellect, creativity and love of learning are obvious to all who know him. He participates in activities with enthusiasm and a sense of community spirit that is unique among his peers. He is helpful to others, always remembering that his own path to success has held unanticipated challenges which he has met by drawing on all his own resources and the willing help of others. He is always striving to learn, to grow and to move forward in his life, but never at the expense of his own integrity."

Madalyn Tesoro won the Sarita Doyle Eastman Loyalty, Spirit and Service Award named after one of Winston's founding leaders. A winner of this award must be a person who strives to make the school a stronger, happier place by being a good friend, a good worker and a good example to others.

Winston English, drama and Spanish teacher Stephanie Finkleberg said during her introduction of Madalyn: "Every day because you didn't want to go on stage in front of a crowd, and now look at you. Your willingness to work hard and overcome your own insecurities astounded me with each performance you were in. Even off the stage, you have a star quality about you. I know it has not been an easy journey, there have been countless nights of stress, tears, and laughter, but I know you never gave up. You have shown me, as well as others around you, that you have the ability to do whatever you put your mind to."

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Today Wednesday, September 28

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Minimum Day - School Ends at 12:45

7:30am Soroptimist International of La Jolla

8:00am San Diego Business Connectors

11:00am Volunteer Training

11:45am Torrey Pines (La Jolla) Rotary

2:00pm Crafts for Kids (Ages 5-12)

5:00pm MEETING: La Jolla Parks & Rec

7:30pm Tai Chi Class

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