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## **Irvine Company Scholars Named**

For over two decades the Irvine Company has recognized outstanding educational programs, teachers, and students. Their annual Student Leadership Awards program was initiated as an avenue to recognize and encourage college-bound high school seniors who have demonstrated the leadership skills, character, and energy to become leaders of the future. Participants in the awards program, which is conducted in partnership with the school districts of Irvine, Laguna Beach, Newport-Mesa, Orange and Tustin, compete for an opportunity to become one of the eight semifinalists and four finalists.

LBHS seniors Nathalie Kohen and Coleman Moore represented LBHS at the recent awards program activities. Both seniors balance a rigorous academic schedule with extra curricular activities.

Ms. Kohen, who is president and founder of the LBHS Pink Ribbon Club, has participated in a variety of events which have helped educate and increase awareness about Breast Cancer plus raise money to help find a cure. Recently, she coordinated Parker Games, a LBHS student-faculty basketball game that raised money to help sponsor LBHS teacher Kristin Parker in the three day Walk for Breast Cancer. Nathalie placed first at the Laguna Beach Library Poetry Contest. She wrote and directed a play *Mazel Tov* which was published by Smith and Kraus' Series of Books. Ms. Kohen is also the ASB Secretary, active in Choir, Performing Arts, a member of the Academic Honor Roll, and has won multiple Delegation Awards in Model United Nations.

Mr. Moore founded the LBHS Russian Club which hosted an educational delegation from Kurtsk and a professor from Moscow. He won second place at the Student French Essay Competition and participated in the Orange County Chapter of the Alliance Francaise. Coleman composed and performed the soundtrack for the LBHS Park Avenue Players 2005 performance of *Romeo and Juliet* and participates in the LBHS Jazz Band. He is a National Merit Finalist, member of the Superintendent's Honor Roll and an AP Scholar.

Nancy Blade, LBHS Principal articulates her admiration for these outstanding students, "Nathalie and Coleman are simply an inspiration to me. I want to reach higher and do more for the world when I watch Nathalie - her energy and commitment as she organizes her peers to support cancer research. I want to go back to school and have a deeper understanding... languages, political science, literature - when I talk with Coleman, he is so bright in so many areas and yet so humble about his gifts."

Both Nathalie and Coleman received a \$2,500 scholarship from the Irvine Company. Ms. Kohen plans to attend New York University to study Dramatic Writing, with a concentration in Television, and Film; Mr. Moore will attend Columbia University with plans to study Comparative Literature with an emphasis on Russian Literature.