

## WriteGirl Mentorship Celebrates Another Year Helping Women Tell Their Stories

By Laura Coleman

On Monday, WriteGirl celebrated another successful year of helping teen girls succeed at its annual Bold Ink Awards, held at the Broad Stage in Santa Monica.

Founded in 2001, the creative writing and mentoring organization has helped over 300 girls develop their unique voices by partnering professional women writers with girls for weekly mentoring

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**WRITEGIRL**—Melissa Rosenberg (right) with event presenter Edith Gathegi

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and monthly workshops.

"It's just an incredible program," Beverly Hills resident and WriteGirl honoree Melissa Rosenberg told *The Courier*. The award-winning screenwriter is known for creating strong female leads, such as in *Dexter* and *The Twilight Saga*.

"The world needs more women's voices and this really

brings them forward," she said.

Rosenberg touted the mentorship program's 100 percent high school graduation rate as evidence of the importance of mentorship in the lives of young people.

Other honorees included Lisa Cholodenko, Kami Garcia, Margaret Stohl and Zoe Kazan.

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