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The Winston School held its annual commencement and awards ceremony on Friday night, June 16th at the Museum of Contemporary Art in La Jolla. Fifteen graduates received diplomas and over 40 students received awards. A number of the graduates had attended Winston for all four years of high school and one graduate began her Winston career in the 5th grade. Winston's highest award, the Headmaster Award went to senior Chris Rice for his academic achievements, his character and his growth.

Mark D. Kimble, Winston's previous headmaster of 14 years, received the Winston S. Churchill Hero Award for his outstanding contributions to educating learning different children over his long career. The award was presented by Dr. Sarita Eastman, President of the Winston Board of Directors and a local pediatrician who served on the founding leadership team that established Winston in 1988.

New Headmaster Mike Peterson, who officiated the ceremony, commented: "This is a great thrill for me to see the impact of a Winston education on this group of students. Their hard work coupled with Winston's belief in them seems to be the recipe for success."

Graduate Blaze Ginsberg, who is the subject of his mother's, Debra Ginsberg's well known book "Raising Blaze," was among the students earning a diploma. The book details the Ginsberg's struggle to find an appropriate educational environment for Blaze prior to his coming to Winston. Other highlights of the evening included senior Chelsea Gonya's harp rendition of "Somewhere in Time" and members of the Winston Band performing "Lean on Me."

Winston graduates have all been accepted to college, including San Diego State University, The College of Arts and Crafts, California State University, San Marcos, Laguna College of Art and Design and Palomar College.

There were approximately 350 guests in attendance.