


# Amanda Casares's Web References

**AMANDA CASARES**

BEHIND MY ARTWORK ARE THE PLACES, THE PEOPLE AND THE FEELINGS THAT TELL THE STORIES.  
TELLING STORIES IS MY PASSION.


**"Two Hearts United"**



Dimensions: 16" X 20"  
Date: 2010  
Medium: Watercolor & Color Pencil on Wood  
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**ABOUT ME**




**ARTIST STATEMENT**  
(CLICK ON ANY IMAGE TO VIEW CLOSELY)  
Making art is about story telling. Over time, I have fallen in love with mixed media painting and its ability to vividly express feelings, places and stories. The people that I love, my experiences, and my Mexican culture have informed my whimsical imagery. Color, texture, and line are the most important qualities of my work. Making art is an essential part of my survival in a world that is full of change. It is also part of showing people that I care. It creates balance and order in my life. As my life progresses, events and new

**"Amanda: A Self-Portrait"**



Dimensions: 20" X 24"  
Date: 2008  
Medium: Mix Media

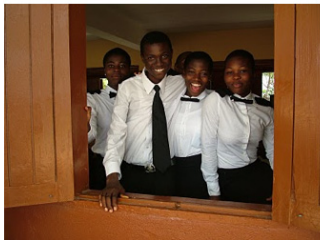
**"Crown City"**




Dimensions: 16" X 20"  
Date: 2008  
Medium: Mixed Media  
Donation for Coronado School Foundation Benefits Auction  
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**Art Website:** [www.amandacasaresart.blogspot.com](http://www.amandacasaresart.blogspot.com)

"School House" . Ghana, Africa . 2006



"The Streets of Ayvlik" . Ayvlik, Turkey . 2010




## Photo Confessions of a Yearbook Nerd


I have a photo confession: Capturing colorful people, places and objects is my passion. Here is a look at some of my favorite digital images taken throughout the years.

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"Night on the Plaza" . Oia/ Santorini, Greece . 2010



"Naptime" . Oia/ Santorini, Greece . 2010



**Photography Website:** [www.photoconfessionsoftheyearbooknerd.blogspot.com](http://www.photoconfessionsoftheyearbooknerd.blogspot.com)



# The San Diego Union-Tribune.

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## School's yearbook among top in nation

### La Costa Canyon's one of 56 finalists

By Bruce Lieberman  
STAFF WRITER

April 8, 2007

At a recent talent show at La Costa Canyon High School for the school's yearbook sat in the front row, snapping air bands and singers as their classmates cheered.

It was one of hundreds, perhaps thousands, of members of the yearbook staff will capture this year.

La Costa Canyon High's yearbook is among the best in the nation. Last year's book is one of 56 high school and middle school finalists selected by the National Scholastic Press Association for its annual Pacemaker awards – also known as the Pulitzer Prizes of student journalism.

The yearbook from Coronado Middle School also has been named a finalist, and it will compete against the handful of other middle school yearbooks selected.

On April 15 at the annual meeting in Denver, the association will recognize about

the nation. Last year's book is one of 56 high school and middle school finalists selected by the National Scholastic Press Association for its annual Pacemaker awards – also known as the Pulitzer Prizes of student journalism.

### YEARBOOK CONTEST FACTS

- Fifty-six high school and middle school yearbooks – including those from La Costa Canyon High and Coronado Middle schools – are finalists in the Pacemaker Award competition, a national contest of the National Scholastic Press Association.
- About half the number of finalists, or about 2 percent of the entrants, will be named winners April 15.
- In the past decade, finalists have included La Costa Canyon High School in 1998, Torrey Pines High School in 2002 and San Dieguito Academy in 2003 and 2005.
- Torrey Pines High was named one of 25 winners in 2001.

For yearbook advisers and their students, being named a winner is “the ultimate award you can get,” said Linda Drake, a high school yearbook adviser in Kansas and a trustee for the National Scholastic Press Association.

In a typical year, there might be 800 to 900 yearbook entries, and about 2 percent are named winners, Drake said.

The association honors yearbooks for being innovative, and it favors students who are “not afraid to work outside the box and take some chances,” Drake said.

**Journalism Education Association Rising Star Award for "Excellence in journalism teaching"**

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**AWARDS**

**Rising Star Award**

**Entry Criteria**

Nominations may come from scholastic press associations, yearbook companies, fellow teachers, students and/or parents. The nomination should include an updated resumé of the nominee, copy of the publication or a copy of a broadcast program to show the quality of the medium the teacher advises. The nominator should also include a letter explaining how the nominee shows promise as an up-and-coming adviser. The nominator may also include no more than three additional letters of recommendation from others who support the nomination.

**Recipients**

**2010**

- Mary Demosey, CJE, O'Fallon Township (Ill.) High School
- Justin Daigle, Brighton (Colo.) High School
- Christopher Greenslate, LaCosta Canyon High School (Carlsbad, Calif.)
- Erinn Harris, Thomas Jefferson High School for Science and Technology (Alexandria, Va.)
- Rachel McCarver, CJE, Columbus (Ind.) North High School

**2009**

- Alyssa Armentrout, McKinney (Texas) High School
- Jason Black, Prospect High School, Mt. Prospect, Ill.
- Amanda Paola Casares, Coronado (Calif.) Middle School
- Kristy Dekat, CJE, Topeka (Kan.) West High School

**San Diego Technology Hero Golden Mouse Award:** <http://www.rloiselle.com/>



**2010 National Scholastic Press association Newsmagazine Pacemaker Awards**

<http://studentpress.org/nsipa/winners/npm10.html>

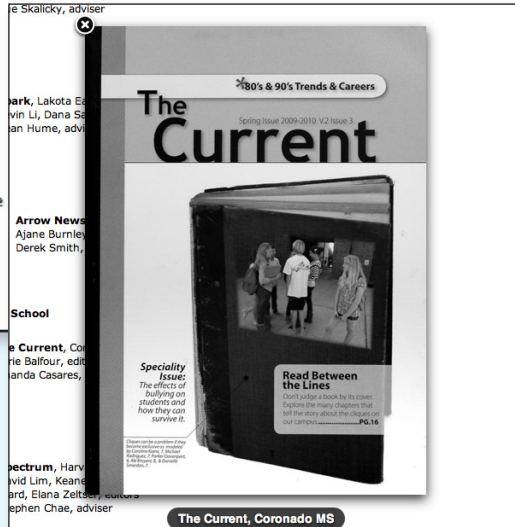
**Jr. High/Middle School**



**The Current**, Coronado MS, Coronado, Calif.  
Marie Balfour, editor  
Amanda Casares, adviser



**Spectrum**, Harvard-Westlake MS, Los Angeles, Calif.  
David Lim, Keane Muraoka-Robertson, Alex Ravan, Camille Ward, Elana Zeitser, editors  
Stephen Chae, adviser



**2010 National Scholastic Press Yearbook Pacemaker Awards:**

<http://studentpress.org/nsipa/winners/ymp09.html>

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**nsipa winners**

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**Jr. High/Middle School Finalists**



**Surfer**, Coronado MS, Coronado, Calif.  
Anna Bill, editor  
Amanda Casares, adviser

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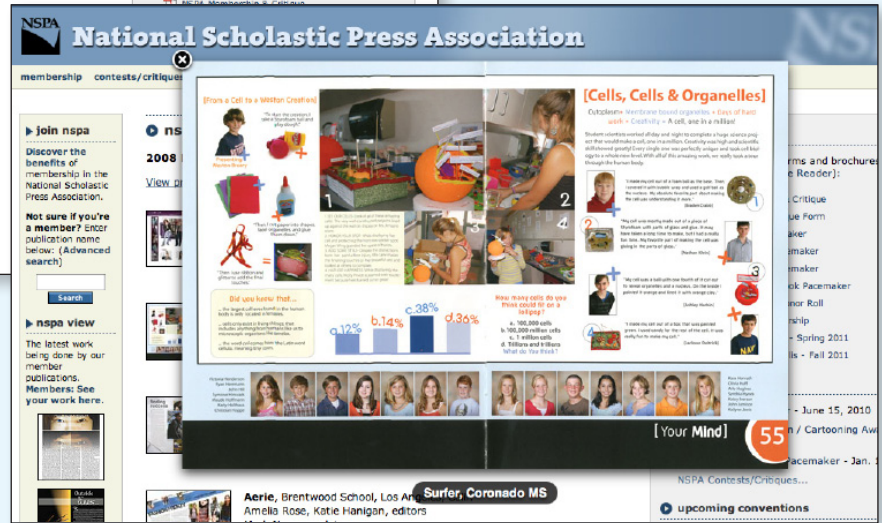
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Michael  
Dennis

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Carolyn  
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**2009 National Scholastic Press Yearbook Pacemakr Awards:**  
<http://studentpress.org/nsipa/winners/yym08.html>



**2007 National Scholastic Press Yearbook Pacemakr Awards:**  
<http://studentpress.org/nsipa/winners/yym06.html>



**2010, 2009, 2008, 2007, 2006, 2005 "The Surfer" Yearbook Gold Crown Award Recipients**  
**2009 "The Current" Newsmagazine Silver Crown Award**

<http://cspa.columbia.edu/docs/contests-and-critiques/crown-awards/recipients/index.html>

Crown Awards are the highest recognition given by the CSPA to a student print or online medium for overall excellence. Both Gold Crown and Silver Crown Awards are given each year.

**Middle School Newspaper Silver Crowns**  
*The Current*, Coronado Middle School, Coronado, CA.

**Middle School Yearbook Gold Crowns**  
 Maize South Middle School, Wichita, KS;  
 Sentry, Robinson Middle School, Fairfax, VA;  
*The Surfer*, Coronado Middle School, Coronado, CA.

