

## **PRESS RELEASE**

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### **Jenna Druck Foundation presents St. James Academy Students with Leadership Awards**

**Solana Beach, CA:** Gabi Foyle and Vanessa Green, 7<sup>th</sup> grade students at St. James Academy, each received a “Spirit of Leadership Award” from the Jenna Druck Foundation. The annual Young Women’s “Spirit of Leadership” award is presented to 250 middle school girls from around California each year. The recipients are nominated by the community for their emerging and/or demonstrated leadership qualities in the areas of family, community, school and sports. The conference is hosted to honor the young women and to support them with highly acclaimed leadership training.

The Jenna Druck Foundation was founded in 1996 to honor the life and spirit of a remarkable young woman, Jenna Druck. Jenna believed in living life to its fullest and brought her special quality of love and compassion to every life she touched. Her spirit lives on through the work of the Jenna Druck Foundation. Today, the Foundation’s groundbreaking programs provide assistance and inspiration to thousands of people each year. The Foundation’s mission is to discover and support young women leaders, providing them with the skills, motivation, resources and opportunities to recognize their potential greatness.

Gabi Foyle and Vanessa Green demonstrated leadership skills in the classroom, in sports and in their communities. They put in numerous volunteer hours with Kids Korps, Miracle League Baseball, Friend’s of Scott Prom, the Boys and Girls Club and more. “We learned so much at the leadership conference and felt good about meeting different girls to share our experiences with. Gabi and I look forward to sharing what we learned at the conference with our friends at St. James Academy,” stated Vanessa Green. The girls look forward to next year’s event and even hope to nominate some of their classmates.

St. James Academy is a K-8 elementary school serving the North County communities of Solana Beach, Del Mar, Carmel Valley, Rancho Santa Fe, Encinitas, Carlsbad and La Costa. It is accredited by the Western Association of Schools and Colleges and certified by the Western Catholic Education Association. For more information, please go to [www.saintjamesacademy.com](http://www.saintjamesacademy.com) or call 1-858-755-1777.