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### **Women Journalists Share Stories and Wisdom with Teen Writers** *Teen Girls Learn How to Find Their Futures in a Changing Media Environment*

LOS ANGELES – They may be most familiar with news apps and hashtags, but 80 teen girls will get a chance to explore the broader aspects of journalism at WriteGirl's Annual Journalism Workshop on Saturday. Inside the historic Los Angeles Times building, mentors will guide the girls through activities on finding stories, interviewing sources, and practicing a variety of journalistic writing styles in traditional and new media.

An expert panel of journalists will share their experiences, along with insight on how these at-risk girls can turn their passion for writing into a career that can influence social change.

Panelists include Wendy Burch (KTLA), Tabby Biddle (Huffington Post), Carey Bodenheimer (CNN), Ann Friedman (magazine journalist for New Republic, NewYorker.com, and more), Stacey Leasca (Deputy Social Media Editor, LA Times), Seema Mehta (LA Times political writer), Lucia Tran (Editor-in-Chief, Zoey Magazine), and Lorenza Munoz (contributes to the LA Times and other publications and websites).

"This workshop is a window to the world for our girls," said WriteGirl Executive Director Keren Taylor. "It's a rare chance for them to dive into global and local issues that they care about, surrounded by accomplished women writers and working journalists. And they get to spend the day at the Los Angeles Times headquarters!"

#### **About WriteGirl** [www.writegirl.org](http://www.writegirl.org)

WriteGirl is a creative writing and mentoring program for at-risk girls in Los Angeles. WriteGirl pairs professional women writers with teen girls for weekly one-on-one mentoring, monthly creative writing workshops, public readings and publishing opportunities. Throughout the past 12 years, WriteGirl has successfully helped 100% of participating seniors to not only graduate from high school but also enroll in college, many on full or partial scholarships. WriteGirl also brings workshops to schools in Los Angeles County serving critically at-risk teens, including incarcerated teens. WriteGirl publications have collectively won 46 national and international book awards. WriteGirl was honored as the 2010-2011 California Nonprofit of the Year.

#### **WriteGirl's Annual Journalism Workshop**

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