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As we celebrate Girls Write Now's 14th season of writing mentoring for NYC's teen girls, we are filled with gratitude for everyone who has made GWN's growth possible.

We're proud to have received **HIGH DISTINCTIONS** in recent years— like being recognized by the White House as one of the nation's top after school arts programs *twice* in two years!—and we couldn't have done it without you, our friends and supporters.

This year, with a cutting-edge “Remix” theme guiding our intensive curriculum, multi-genre workshops, and a new MacArthur Foundation-sponsored digital portfolio pilot, Girls Write Now is leading our mentees into **A NEW GENERATION OF WRITING**. Blogging, online copywriting/editing, and multimedia exploration enrich our innovative program of workshops and pair sessions. Girls Write Now challenges and inspires girls, leaving them prepared for success in a market that demands digital skills—and ready to broadcast their voices to the world.



**“WRITING IS A WAY TO UNDERSTAND THE WORLD AND MYSELF. THIS IS JUST THE BEGINNING.”**  
— MASSANGE, 2ND YEAR GWN MENTEE

*WE NEED YOUR HELP MORE THAN EVER! AND IT'S SO EASY TO MAKE A DIFFERENCE:*

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**\$500+** HELPS BRING THE ORIGINAL VOICES OF TEEN GIRLS TO PUBLIC VENUES IN OUR **CHAPTERS** READING SERIES

We are also growing our Girls College Bound program, ensuring our graduating seniors' impressive **100% HIGH SCHOOL GRADUATION AND COLLEGE ATTENDANCE** rate. Please help us reach our \$80,000 goal this holiday season, and make a tax-deductible contribution using the form on the reverse side, or by visiting [www.girlswritenow.org](http://www.girlswritenow.org).

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**P.S.** YOUR DONATION TOWARDS OUR \$80,000 HOLIDAY GOAL HELPS US DELIVER THE CUSTOMIZED PROGRAMMING OUR GIRLS DESERVE. THANK YOU!

# MEET CHANDRA & CLAUDIA



When Chandra Hughes and her mentor Claudia Parsons were paired by Girls Write Now over a year ago, they both identified as writers—but very different kinds of writers. **“FANTASY AND FICTION ARE MY STYLE, SO WHEN I FOUND OUT MY MENTOR WAS A JOURNALIST, I WAS WORRIED,”** recalls Chandra, who also loves anime, and produces her own “fandubs” of videos online. The challenge was finding common ground.

Reuters reporter Claudia has traveled all over the world, from Turkey and Italy to Spain and Iraq, but was trying something entirely new when Chandra proposed they write a fantasy story collaboratively, using a website Chandra designed herself. “Chandra is always buzzing with excitement about her latest online project,” says Claudia, “I was pulled into a whole new kind of writing with her.” This year, the pair was inspired to go in yet another exciting direction with the idea for an internet radio play, and Chandra, now a junior, has decided she would like to go to film school. **“IN THIS GROUP OF WRITERS, THERE’S SOMETHING THAT CONNECTS YOU TOGETHER,” SAYS CHANDRA, “YOUR MENTOR IS THERE TO SUPPORT YOU.”** And with that connection, that critical support, she has just what she needs to chart her own future.

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