

# OREGON PARTNERSHIP

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## LAURA MERSEREAU MEMORIAL ESSAY CONTEST AWARDS CEREMONY

DECEMBER 11, 2008  
PORTLAND CITY HALL



*Laura Mersereau Pressnall was a vibrant young woman who died at age 46 due to physical complications from a quarter-century battle with drugs and alcohol. Her older brother Brad fondly remembers her as a freckle-faced and ginger-haired high school senior with an open smile. After her senior year Laura tried her first hit of LSD. The experiment had terrible consequences: Laura drank and kept drinking until six months before her death in 1999.*

*In the spirit of Laura, Brad created the Laura Mersereau Award. Brad teamed with Oregon Partnership. Oregon Partnership is a statewide non-profit promoting healthy kids and communities through drug and alcohol awareness, drug prevention programs, and 24 hour crisis lines for treatment referrals and suicide intervention. Oregon Partnership works with schools and community coalitions statewide, and our resource library is open to all to educate on the dangers of substance abuse.*

[www.orpartnership.org](http://www.orpartnership.org)

HelpLine: 800-923-HELP

YouthLine: 877-553-TEEN

LifeLine: 800-273-TALK or 800-SUICIDE

Linea de Ayuda: 877-515-7848

Visit Brad's Website Honoring Laura's Memory at:  
[www.bradmersereau.com](http://www.bradmersereau.com)



## *Laura Mersereau Essay Awards Presentation*

*December 11, 2008*

*11:00 A.M.*

### *WELCOME*

*Kaleen Deatherage, Oregon Partnership*

### *ANNOUNCEMENT OF WINNERS*

*Remarks - Mayor Tom Potter*

*Awards Presentation*

### *READING OF AWARD WINNING ESSAYS*

*First Prizes:*

*Arunee SengChanh, Parkrose High School*

*Hilary Annes, Sandy High School*

*Honorable Mention:*

*Chloe Jones, Wilson High School*

### *CLOSING REMARKS*

*Brad Mersereau*