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## Two Lourdes graduates recognized by national essay contest

Two Our Lady of Lourdes Academy graduates from the Class of 2007 were recognized in the Ayn Rand Institute's (ARI) annual *Fountainhead* essay contest. Janine Lopez '07 was named a finalist, and Laura Rodriguez '07 was a semifinalist.

The contest is open to high school juniors and seniors, and requires contestants to write on one of several topics dealing with the characters and themes found in the novel. Essays are evaluated on both style and content.

Since 1985 a total of more than 140,000 high school students from around the world have entered ARI essay contests. In 2007, more than 7,000 students submitted their essays on *The Fountainhead*.

Janine Lopez is currently a freshman at Brown University, and Laura Rodriguez attends Northwestern University. Our Lady of Lourdes Academy is a Catholic archdiocesan high school for girls. The school was recognized by the Catholic Honor Roll as one of the top 50 Catholic high schools in the nation in 2006. The essays were written for their AP English Language and Composition course.