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Student covers Grammy awards

ENCINITAS — Grauer School sophomore Nick Arnold had the honor of representing The Grauer School as the Grammy Foundation's high school correspondent at this year's 52nd annual Grammy Awards on Jan. 31.

Reporting from the Red Carpet, behind the scenes and during the Grammy Foundation Grammy Week events leading up to the award ceremony, Arnold was given access to A-List celebrities for interviews. A highlight of his experience included an exclusive one-on-one interview with Justin Timberlake at Grammy Career Day, which is posted online at AOL Music at www.popeater.com.

In addition to Grammy Foundation events, Arnold covered sister foundation MusiCares' annual Person of the Year gala, which this year honored Neil Young. He was able to go backstage and talk to Red Hot Chili Peppers' drummer Chad Smith, who performed at the tribute along with his band. To read more about Arnold's week, visit www.grammycampblog.blogspot.com.

"Going to Grammy Camp last summer was one of the best experiences of my life and I could not believe it when the Grammy Foundation asked me to report on all the Grammy events this year," Arnold said. "The Grauer School has always encouraged me to pursue my passion for music and they were completely supportive. I've been taught at Grauer to ask meaningful, original questions and to be confident. I think that helped me so much when it came time to interview all these



ASSIGNMENT OF A LIFETIME Left, Grauer journalism student Nick Arnold talks with special guest artist Brian Culbertson at Grammy In The Schools Live!, a celebration of music and education. Arnold was chosen to report from this year's Grammy Awards events. *Photo by Tiffany Lo*

famous musicians. Without what I learned at Grauer, I might not have been able to come up with unique, good questions, and I might have been very nervous. But I felt comfortable talking to people whose music I admire, and I had a great time."

Arnold was chosen as one of only six students nationwide to be included in the Music Journalism track at Grammy Camp at the University of Southern California last summer. The talent he demonstrated there led his counselors and

Grammy Foundation staff to select him as their first choice for student correspondent for Grammy Week. Organized by the Grammy Foundation, Grammy Camp is a 10-day residential summer camp for high school students that focuses on the music industry and is hosted at the USC Thornton School of Music in Los Angeles. Taught by top musical professionals from a variety of disciplines, the curriculum offers career tracks in Audio Engineering, Electronic Music Production, Instrumental Performance,

Singer/Songwriter, Music Journalism and Concert Production/Promotion, among others. Experiences include workshops; clinics; field trips to professional venues around Los Angeles; media, performance and recording projects and industry best practices. High school students interested in Grammy Camp can apply by March 31. Financial assistance is available and interested students can visit www.GrammyInTheSchools.com for information and an application.