



What Cavalcade of Authors West featured authors have said:

- “CoA West combines the best parts of school visits and writers conferences in a fantastic and unique event. I loved being able to interact with the kids, and this was facilitated by your fabulous organization. Really, really well done.” –Heidi Schulz
- “What a fun experience. It's an amazing conference; they get bigger and better each time. I would encourage any author to go! The only problem is that there isn't one in my home town. Here's hoping!” –Colleen Houck
- “It's Saturday morning, and 500 kids are up early to celebrate... books. Is this an alternate universe? Well, sort of. It's Cavalcade of Authors West, and it's what our Saturday mornings would all be like if I ruled the world. Full of stories, fun, intensity, comedy, and friendship-- and a wonderful experience for everyone involved. Everything was impeccably organized and easy to do, and the students were SO eager and well prepared. From start to finish, it was an honor and a pleasure.”
–Martha Brockenbrough

What Cavalcade of Authors West participants have said:

- “Cavalcade encourages people like me to read more.”
- “I can use this information to help me through writing assignments as well as to make all my essays more interesting. I learned that authors are real people, and it was nice to be able to actually interact with them.”
- “Cavalcade was really helpful on working with ideas, writing in general, and failure. A key piece of information for writing was not to give up. Almost all of the sessions talked about failure and what to do to keep going.”
- “I liked all of it because it was all enjoyable. I would only make it longer!”
- “The writing techniques I learned today cannot only be used for stories, but also school essays or other writing assignments.”

In 2016, CoA West saw...

- 47 schools
- 15 featured authors
- 450 participants
- 1 middle level writing contest winner
- 1 high school writing contest winner

