

## Teaching the wave

By: **Nikolia Jerunika**  
Reporter

Alisa Cairns, former US Surf Team Champion at age 15, coaches the Laguna Beach High School Girls' Surf Team this year.

"I had my highest ranking on the Association of Surfing Professional World Championship Tour. My best ranking ever was fourth in the world, and I was in that tour for ten years," said Cairns.

The young surf team is performing well in Cairns' eyes.

"Of course with Taylor Pitz we're really strong. She did really well, making the US Surf Team this year. The other girls did really well also," said Cairns. "They're really gung-ho and not scared to try," said Cairns.

Husband Ian Cairns, whom the surfing world reveres for his big wave surfing, coached Alisa Cairns early in her surfing career.

"Laguna offered a one-week course at Doheney. That's pretty

much when I got hooked. Doheney's just a pleasure to learn. [It's] not intimidating, just fun," said Cairns. "I really loved how free it was. You don't really need too much once you have your equipment. I was just hooked," said Cairns.

Having surfed for so long, Cairns has had many opportunities to travel.

"Surfing in Reunion Island, off of Africa [ . . . ]

I was flown to the men's contest. [I was one of the four women] they invited to do exhibitions. It was a really beautiful country. The water's just beautifully crystal blue; it's got fire coral and strong and intense waves," said Cairns.

"I really like her, she kills it in the water. It was fun working with her this past surf season," said Taylor Pitz, an athlete.



Cairns holding her surfboard  
(Nikolia Jerunika)

## The Columbian *Elite*

By: **Val Biscarrat**  
Reporter

The 5'8" Columbian-American model Alana Bunte, a senior at LBHS, has been in the modeling industry for almost four years.

Alana was scouted at the age of thirteen by Women Model Management at the Huntington Beach Surf Open and Alana's career began when Elite Magazine contacted her for her first job.

"Elite magazine only has offices in New York, so they said if I had my braces off by then and dyed my hair a little darker, they would fly me to New York for Fashion week," said Bunte.

Alana followed the instructions, and she was walking in a Runway show with Naomi Campbell a week later.

Students interested in modeling might want to take Alana's advice.

"You need to work a lot, and keep going to auditions even if you get turned down. You have to be extremely dedicated and



Alana on the runway  
(<http://www.thefashionspot.com/forums/f52/alana-bunte-29211.html>)

have a strong head on your shoulders," said Bunte.

Because Alana has been so persistent and resilient at work, she has been able to work with designers such as Gucci, Dior, Oscar de la Renta, Marc Jacobs, Armani, Tory Burch, Catherine Melandrin, and

many more.

"I am so lucky to meet such inspiring people," said Bunte. To further pursue her career, Alana is moving to Paris this summer.

Keep your eye out for her in Fashion Magazines or even Fashion Island Billboards.

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