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Leaders Say What This Honor Means

"Long Beach is a model for the nation, and other school systems can learn from you. I congratulate the teachers, parents, administrators and community leaders for your success and your innovation. I want to congratulate the true winners, the students of Long Beach. Your school district is a great example of what is right in public education...We want you to share your best management practices and instructional practices with other school districts."

— **Eli Broad, Founder of The Broad Foundation**

"The raising of student achievement is a direct result of the our teachers' hard work. No one believes more than our teachers that all children can learn. They not only believe it. They make it happen."

— **Tony Diaz, TALB President**

"I want to thank Mr. Broad for this great honor. We work together for the common good, and that is student achievement. We work as a team."

— **Val Pharr, CSEA President**

"It is a Nobel Prize. It is a Pulitzer Prize. Eli Broad is a visionary, and when you talk about putting your money where your mouth is, there's no greater American than Eli Broad...For what you've accomplished in Long Beach--to be able to say you represent the best urban school district in the United States of America--congratulations to all of you."

-- **L.A. County Supervisor Don Knabe**

"Mayors know that if you don't have a great school district, nobody's going to come to town. Nobody's going to buy a house. Education is an economic development issue... Higher achievement comes from caring, and everybody knows that Superintendent Chris Steinhauser and former superintendent Carl Cohn care deeply...You can measure achievement, but you can't measure caring. You cannot improve achievement without caring...One of the most sought after things in your life is to be able to make a difference. With what you have done and what your students have achieved, you have made a difference and added meaning to your lives."

— **Beverly O'Neill, Long Beach Mayor**

"Long Beach is paving the way toward closing the achievement gap. Ninety-nine percent of schools here met state academic growth targets, compared to 72 percent statewide. You are in the forefront...To the business community, I urge you to remain engaged and involved. Clearly you are making a difference."

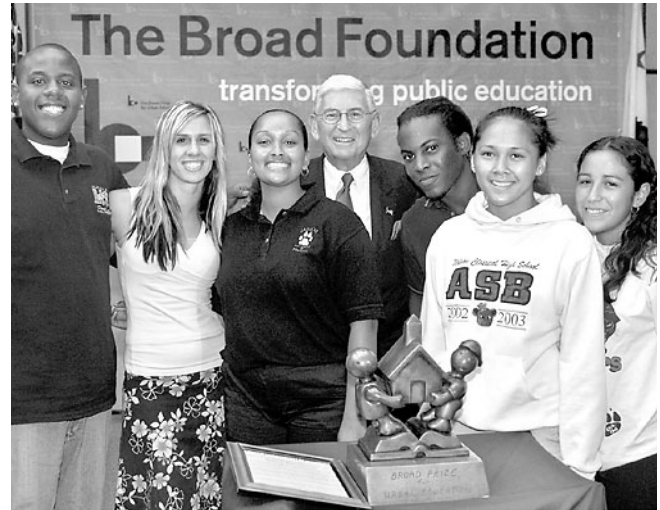
— **Jack O'Connell, State Superintendent of Public Instruction**

"I'm pretty jealous today. I wish Los Angeles was getting the \$500,000 check."

— **Richard Riordan, former Los Angeles mayor**

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THE REAL WINNERS-- Student body presidents of local high schools celebrated the unveiling of the 2003 Broad Prize for Urban Education with philanthropist Eli Broad at a rousing rally at Wilson High School attended by dozens of dignitaries. Broad praised "the best urban school district in the United States" and congratulated teachers and classified personnel for their extraordinary efforts to help students excel and narrow the achievement gap.



Thousands Cheer National Broad Prize Win

Four thousand rallying students gave Los Angeles-based billionaire philanthropist Eli Broad a hero's welcome this week as he presented the Long Beach Unified School District with \$500,000 in scholarships and unveiled the 2003 Broad Prize for Urban Education. The prize and scholarships recognize the best urban school system in the nation, based on an exhaustive review by national education experts.

The district's 90 schools celebrated their triumph with community leaders during their annual Principal for a Day activities. Schools displayed large orange Broad Prize banners and new flags to launch a day of celebration.

A rousing outdoor rally at Wilson Classical High School--with cheerleaders, drum corps and jazz band--welcomed State Superintendent of Public Instruction Jack O'Connell, former Los Angeles Mayor Richard Riordan, Long Beach Mayor Beverly O'Neill, school district officials, state and community elected leaders, and student body presidents from each local high school.

"Your district is leading the nation in overall student achievement while closing achievement gaps," said Eli Broad, Founder of the Broad Foundation and Broad Prize. He presented the 110 lb. bronze sculpture -- which depicts two children holding up a schoolhouse -- to Superintendent of Schools Christopher J. Steinhauser, Board of Education President Bobbie Smith, CSEA President Val Pharr and Teachers Association President Tony Diaz.

"No other Broad Prize finalist reduced ethnic and income-based achievement gaps in as many categories as Long Beach," Broad said. "I want to congratulate the true winners -- the students of Long Beach."

Long Beach is the nation's most diverse large city, according to the U.S. Census. More than 99 percent of schools here met or exceeded state targets for academic growth; 100 percent showed improvement, the California

Department of Education reported last week. Many Long Beach schools far exceeded state targets for improvement.

The Broad Prize celebration continued at an afternoon reception in downtown Long Beach, where Broad joined hundreds of business and community leaders who spent the morning as guest principals at the district's 90 schools.

"This is a huge honor," Steinhauser said at the Long Beach Hilton reception. "It's been a long journey over the past 12 years. It takes everybody working together."

"Mr. Broad, we're so thankful that you have faith in public education. We promise you this. Our work is not done. We are a good district, but we will get even better."

Each school also received a miniature of the Broad Prize. A full-sized duplicate of the bronze statue housed at the U.S. Department of Education in Washington, D.C. will be engraved with the district's name.

"Today is a mayor's dream," Long Beach Mayor Beverly O'Neill said. "What's happening here is something that every city would love to emulate. To work as hard as you do and then have someone say thank you in such a big way is unheard of. And then to bring the community in as principals for a day -- what a strong day, what a strong statement."

At least 50 high school students will use the \$500,000 for scholarships from the second annual prize. Already, 12 recent graduates are using \$125,000 in scholarships award by Broad last year, when Long Beach was named a finalist for the inaugural prize. Among them is Wilson graduate Ashlye Perez, who addressed students at the Wilson rally.

"I was so excited when I heard that Long Beach schools won the Broad Prize," Perez said. "I attended Long Beach schools from the time I was a kindergartner. Long Beach is my home. Now everybody across the United States knows just how good we are. It's something to be proud of."

• What Leaders Say

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"The real estate value in Long Beach just went up again... I commend our principals for a day for finding out what a difficult job it is to run our public schools."

-- **Charles Reed, Chancellor of the California State University system**

"Thank you, Mr. Broad, for confirming what we in the business world already know -- that Long Beach is the best place to be in school."

-- **Steve Chesser, Chair of Principal for a Day**

"Being able to attract business leaders to a community is really key. The one thing they always look at, before they even look at a house, is, 'What's the school system look like? What kind of education are my children going to get?' As I was serving as a principal for the day at Millikan, I saw a sign in the window as I was leaving. It said, 'Dream like you'll live forever and live today like there's no tomorrow.' Our obligation to our kids is to help them live their dreams, and the time to do it is now, because any other time is too late."

-- **Dave Neary, Long Beach Area Chamber of Commerce**

Peer Assistance, National Certification

The Peer Assistance and Review Program will hold an orientation for teachers interested in becoming Consulting Teachers for 2004-05.

Applicants must be permanent classroom or specialist teachers or teachers on special assignment. They must have substantial recent classroom experience and exemplary teaching ability. Orientation meetings will be held 4 to 5 p.m. Wednesday, November 12 at Burroughs Elementary School Library and Tuesday, November 25, at Teacher Resource Center Room 9. For information, contact Lisa Isbell at ext. 2900.

The Long Beach Unified School District is offering generous assistance to teachers who are interested in applying for National Board Certification. Teachers who are accepted and successfully complete the pre-candidacy program are eligible for district payment of National Board application fees, a \$2,300 savings. Teachers who obtain national certification are also eligible for a 10 percent salary increase for 10 years in addition to any added compensation provided by the state.

To discuss National Board Certification, meetings will be held Tuesday, November 25 at 3:30 p.m. at the Teacher Resource Center, Room D, and Wednesday, December 10 at 4 p.m. in TRC Room 4. For information, contact Lisa Isbell, ext. 2900.

Recent Promotions

The following classified employees recently received promotions:

Hattie Araujo, senior purchasing office assistant, Food Services;

James De Hoop, heavy truck driver, Purchasing;

Doris Wilson, instructional aide-special, Muir.

Hi Hill Closed

Hi Hill Outdoor Science School was closed effective Tuesday as a result of the major Southern California forest fires and high fire risk.

Although the closest fire was in Rancho Cucamonga more than 20 miles away, the United States Forest Service district ranger notified Hi Hill principal Ken Mendonca that the camp should be closed until there is sufficient rainfall to lower the high fire danger.

Only those camps with buses on standby in camp 24 hours a day are being allowed to operate in the Angeles National Forest.

District buses returned 134 fifth graders to Henry Elementary School. Cubberley and Lee schools were notified that they would not be going to Hi Hill as scheduled next week.

Marathon Times

Tenacious LBUSD employees took part in one of the recent Long Beach Marathon races.

Those completing the full marathon include Christine Appell, Marshall, who ran in 2 hours, 58 minutes for third place overall among women. Other marathoners were Lorelei Blataric, Maintenance, 5:15; Jeremy Cook, Cubberley, 3:59; and Stacy Shourt, Mann, 4:27.

Runners in the half marathon and their times are Sharon Dana, McKinley, 4:29; Michele Early, Lee, 2:15; Jennifer Lemieux, Fremont, 2:05; Lynne Nielsen, Wilson, 2:45; Mari Sela-Moreno, Jefferson, 2:43; Jennifer Sweet, Muir, 2:11; Russ Widman, Hoover, 2:53; and Otis Wilburn, Maintenance, 1:59; Inline skating marathoner Dale Culton, Personnel Commission, finished in 1:46. Completing the untimed bicycle marathon were Ben Borillo, Operations; and Dave Beard, Wilson.

Events Honor Pair

• Friends of Klaus Barth, longtime teacher and coach at Wilson High School, are holding the second annual Klaus Barth Biathlon, a swim and run event to raise funds for UCLA brain cancer research, on Sunday, November 9. For information, call 619-5029.

• A dinner to raise funds for a scholarship in honor of longtime Khmer educator Mory Ouk will be held Sunday, November 16, 5:30 p.m. at La Lune Restaurant, 1458 Atlantic Ave. For information, call 985-9372.

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The Job Board

• Emerson is seeking a 50 percent facilitator to work on budget and grant writing. The position offers flexible days and hours. Contact principal Cindy Young at 420-2631.

• Applications are now being accepted at the Personnel Commission, 999 Atlantic Ave., third floor, for human resources technician and locksmith.

Newspapers in Class

CSULB Extension and the Press-Telegram are offering "Teaching Critical Thinking Skills with the Newspaper," a one-unit upper division class on Saturday, November 8.

The workshop for educators includes a class set of newspapers delivered to your school once a week for 10 weeks.

The 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. workshop provides a continental breakfast, tour, lunch and all teaching materials.

The course is \$114 for credit and \$49 for non-credit. For information, call Gayle Knapp at the Press-Telegram, 499-1445.

Dates to Remember

November	American Indian Heritage Month National PTA Child Safety & Protection Month
4	10:00, 11:30, 12:00, 12:30-- "Molly's Pilgrim," Grades 2-8, ed.tv 8
5	8:00, 10:15, 11:30, 1:00, 2:00-- "Harriet Tubman," Grades 8-11, ed.tv 8
6	10:00, 11:30, 12:00, 12:30-- "Operation School Bus Safety: Be Cool, Follow the Rules," Grades K-2, ed.tv 8
7	10:00, 11:30, 12:00, 12:30-- "America's Veterans," Grades 5-9, ed.tv 8
11	Veterans Day
12	8:00, 10:15, 11:30, 1:00, 2:00-- "William Bradford--The First Thanksgiving," Grades 3-8, ed.tv 8
13	10:00, 11:30, 12:00, 12:30-- "Turkeys in the Wild," Grades K-4, ed.tv 8
14	10:00, 11:30, 12:00, 12:30-- "Thanksgiving," Grades K-5, ed.tv 8
16-22	American Education Week
16-22	Geography Awareness Week
17-23	National Children's Book Week
18	10:00, 11:30, 12:00, 12:30-- "First Thanksgiving" (Thanksgiving), Grades K-3, ed.tv 8
19	8:00, 10:15, 11:30, 1:00, 2:00-- "Thanksgiving Day," Grades K-3, ed.tv 8
20	10:00, 11:30, 12:00, 12:30-- "Taking Care of Your School Building," Grades 1-3, ed.tv 8
21	10:00, 11:30, 12:00, 12:30-- "McGruff on the Law: Bicycles and Pedestrians," Grades 1-5, ed.tv 8
25	10:00, 11:30, 12:00, 12:30-- "Pilgrims at Plymouth" (Thanksgiving), Grades 4-8, ed.tv 8
26	8:00, 10:15, 11:30, 1:00, 2:00-- "Louis Pasteur," Grades 4-8, ed.tv 8
27	Thanksgiving Day
28	Declared Holiday

"I am always ready to learn, although I do not always like being taught."

--Winston Churchill

In Memoriam

Bill Siemers
former teacher
September 11, 2003

Ed Ahrens
former director, special education
October 7, 2003

Wanda Dayle
former principal
October 25, 2003