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Webb Named Classified Employee of the Year

Leonard Webb III, custodian supervisor at the Long Beach School for Adults, was named Classified Employee of the Year this week at a packed Board of Education meeting.

Called a "one-of-a-kind man, our campus hero and a committed team player" by co-workers, he was selected by a districtwide committee of classified employees from 48 nominees and eight finalists.

"I was humbled that they thought so highly of me," Webb said. "I'm thankful, but I was just doing what I was supposed to do."

Unable to attend the board meeting, Webb is hospitalized recovering from amputation of his right leg below the knee as a result of diabetes. Webb had been selected the top winner by a districtwide committee before his surgery and this week's formal announcement.

At the board meeting, his mother accepted his award for him. Personnel Commission

Administrator Ramon Curiel announced that her son is the top classified employee of America's top urban school system.

"She almost passed out when they called my name," Webb said, chuckling about her description of the honor. "I was glad she didn't. I think I'm more happy for her than I am for myself. A big thank you to everyone at the School for Adults. I love all of them."

The entire staff at the School for Adults nominated Webb. Principal Fitzgerald Jones called Webb "the most dedicated employee I have worked with in over 25 years of service."

Jones said the campus was second to none in cleanliness. Visitors notice immediately the quality of service that Webb provides.

"Staff comment about Leonard's positive attitude, our pristine environment, his service with a smile and his high expectations," Jones wrote. "As a result of total campus cleanliness, students are taking pride in knowing that their presence on campus is valued. It is rare that graffiti appears on our campus, and no calls for cleanup have been requested this school year. His vision of taking care of our campus, from the front curb to the back fence, is priceless. His demeanor of saying, 'That's my job,' or 'I like to see people and things at their best,' gives him satisfaction that is reflected in his smile."

Webb took under his care a 22-year-old student with disabilities. Because the student's academic needs did not permit classroom enrollment in Building Maintenance classes, Webb spent each day teaching him the duties of custodial care.

"Leonard's commitment to this student confirms the district's mission statement that 'all students can learn and become responsible, productive members of society,'" Jones wrote.

Webb said he was unsure how long his recovery from surgery will take. But one thing is certain.

"I'm going back to work," he said. "Definitely."

This year's finalists were: John Bosley, campus security officer at Marshall; Laura Brean, intermediate office assistant at Emerson; Martha Membreno, instructional aide at Garfield; Marta Morri, food service supervisor II at Rogers; Gail Rainwater, senior administrative secretary at the Personnel Commission; Milton Simmons, custodian at Hudson; and Maria Villalobos, human resources technician at the Personnel Commission.

Sacramento Concert

The Stephens Middle School Steel Drum Band recently performed on the west steps of the Capitol Building in Sacramento.

The band was invited to perform the noon-time outdoor concert by the Long Beach Legislative Caucus, made up of senators and Assembly members representing the Long Beach area.

Class of 2004 Earns \$20 Million in Awards

More than \$20 million in scholarships have been awarded to graduating seniors in the Long Beach Unified School District this year--the largest total in more than a decade. The increase is attributed to the addition of a half-million dollars in Broad Prize Scholarships and more students taking rigorous courses.

With more scholarships being awarded almost daily, the current total stands at \$20,316,202.

"This is a significant accomplishment for students and a great help to parents," said Maggie Webster, assistant superintendent for high schools. "With higher tuition costs, these awards often make the difference between attending the college of one's choice or, in a few cases, being able to go to college at all."

Dozens of prestigious colleges and universities awarded full-ride four-year academic scholarships to Long Beach Unified School District graduates: Amherst, Barnard, Brown, Cal Tech, Stanford, MIT, Swarthmore, University of Chicago, University of Pennsylvania, NYU, Pomona College, UCLA, USC, UC Berkeley, UC San Diego, UC Santa Barbara, UC Davis, UC Irvine, UC Santa Cruz, UC Riverside, UC Merced, Yale, Purdue, Pitzer, Smith, plus 19 CSU campuses.

In addition, many scholars earned non-monetary academic awards including math and science awards, Long Beach Rotary Service Above Self Awards and honors at entrance to top colleges and universities.

Diploma Record Set By New Graduates

A total of 5,275 local high school seniors, the largest graduating class in the history of the Long Beach Unified School District, are scheduled to receive their diplomas this month.

Poly and Poly Accelerated Academy of Learning (PAAL) have the largest graduating class with 1,042 seniors. Millikan will award 856 diplomas; Lakewood, 835; Wilson, 787; Jordan, 678; Cabrillo, 387; School for Adults, 227; EPHS, 210; CAMS, 142; Avalon, 68; and Renaissance/Reid, 43.

CAMS held its graduation ceremony last night. Jordan and Poly/PAAL will award diplomas Wednesday, June 9. Avalon, Cabrillo, Lakewood, Millikan, Renaissance and Wilson will conduct ceremonies Thursday, June 10. EPHS will celebrate commencement Friday, June 11, and School for Adults awards diplomas Wednesday, June 16.

Presenting diplomas are:

Avalon--Superintendent Chris Steinhauer, 4:30 p.m., Avalon Casino Theater; **Cabrillo**--Assistant Superintendent Maggie Webster, 6 p.m., Cabrillo Jaguar Stadium; **CAMS**--Board of Education President Bobbie Smith, 6 p.m.,

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Redondo Beach Performing Arts Center; **EPHS**--Board of Education Vice President Mary Stanton, 1 p.m., Jordan Auditorium; **Jordan**--Board of Education Vice President Mary Stanton, 2 p.m., Veterans Memorial Stadium; **Lakewood**--Board of Education Member Jim Choura, 2 p.m., Veterans Memorial Stadium; **Long Beach School for Adults**--Board of Education Member Suja Lowenthal and Superintendent Chris Steinhauer, 7:30 p.m., Wilson Auditorium; **Millikan**--Board of Education Member Jim Choura, 7 p.m., Veterans Memorial Stadium; **Poly/PAAL**--Board of Education President Bobbie Smith, 7 p.m., Veterans Memorial Stadium; **Renaissance**--Board of Education Member Suja Lowenthal, 6 p.m., Scottish Rite Auditorium; **Wilson**--Board of Education Member Jon Meyer, 5:30 p.m., Wilson Stadium.

The Job Board

• Lowell Elementary School is looking for a full-time Spanish teacher. Candidates must be fluent in Spanish and need to enjoy working with kindergarten through fifth grade students. For information, contact Laurie Murrin, principal, at ext. 6625.

• Powell Academy is seeking a bilingual teacher/on-campus substitute, a computer teacher and a teacher to assist with supporting elementary teachers with reading and math small group instruction. For information, call Sparkle Peterson, principal, at ext. 2807.

• Burnett Elementary School is looking for a literacy specialist to work 50 percent fourth grade literacy coach/50 percent second grade Reading First coach. Applicant should have strong language arts background and a desire to work collaboratively with a team of literacy specialists. For information, call Claudia Kreis, principal, at ext. 5605.

• Renaissance High School for the Arts is seeking a full-time music teacher for choir, piano and guitar. A California credential is required and the ability to teach math or science is highly desirable. Send resumes to Robert Browning, Renaissance High School, 235 E. 8th St., Long Beach, CA 90813.

• Willard Elementary School is accepting applications for a Grade 4 literacy teacher on Track C with 25 students. For information, call Julie Mendell, principal, at ext. 6650.

• Lakewood High School is looking for a Lindamood-Bell trained resource specialist teacher. Call Bob Hedges, ext. 8088, or Blair Carty, ext. 3400.

• Teachers interested in a future administrative career may become teacher specialists working with Alternative Education students in a Guidance Opportunity Class (GOC). Send letters of interest to Human Resource Services, attention Karen Ensch. For information, call David Taylor at ext. 6645 or the Elementary Office at ext. 8247.

Retirement Non-Event

Honoree	Date	Contact
Mike Monaghan	None	Nancy Parsons ext. 4161

(In lieu of an event, donations are invited for the Monaghan Scholarship Fund at Millikan)

GEAR UP Awards \$100,000 to Scholars

The Board of Education this week honored 50 middle school students who received a total of \$100,000 in scholarships from a state GEAR UP grant. The seventh and eighth graders from low-income families each won \$2,000 that will earn interest until they enroll in college.

Including the interest earned, about \$2,500 in scholarship assistance will be awarded to each student based on encouraging grades, college potential and other academic factors.

The GEAR UP grant pays for teacher training, parent outreach and scholarships to help under-represented populations gain admission to college.

The winning schools and their scholars are Hudson – Kevin Williams, Aishha Abduraheem, Sara Baldos, Roosevelt Payne and Arlette Cabrera; Lindbergh – Suzette Pacumio, Eti Alesana, Stephanie Young, Beyanka Morquecho, Mayelli Ramirez, Benjamin Martin, Alejandra Montoya, Johniece Brooks, Nicole McGinnis, Marcus Fletcher, Benita Verdin, Anna Dizon, Jessinda Kim and Jason Rob; Powell – Tevin Gomez, Jazzlin Hunter, Daisy Martinez, Melissa Rivas and Ricardo Varela;

Robinson – Joshua Pellerin, Pedro Arteaga, Margarita Bermudez and Jennifer Lopez; Stephens – Jordan Gahol, Navigayle Quibin, Sophia Dao, Eliana Murillo, Princess Harding, Kenneth Mosely, Brian Islas, Adrienne Beaman, Jalyne Figueroa, Nessa Cheevasuchin, Emmanuel Mathis, Candice Menefee, Victor Ruiz, Victoria Dao and Matthew Lorenzo; Washington – Tiffany Reyes, Eduardo Melena, LaToya Johnson, Chancitie Lee, Manuel Estrada, Jacquelyn Pruitt and Valentin Cervantes.

Recent Promotions

The following classified employees recently received promotions:

Johnny Marra, lead custodian, Cabrillo;
Lenetha Williams-Ross, Kids Club lead assistant, Lowell.

Job Opportunities

Applications are now being accepted at the Personnel Commission, 999 Atlantic Ave., third floor, for carpenter and community liaison worker-bilingual Spanish.

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Outstanding Counsel

Counseling teams from all 10 high schools in the Long Beach Unified School District earned top recognition in the statewide Support Personnel Accountability Report Card process. LBUSD was the only district in the state to earn this recognition for all of its high schools.

Six schools won the highest SPARC Award, statuettes similar to Academy Awards--CAMS, Jordan, Lakewood, Millikan, Poly and Wilson. Four others received the state SPARC Commendation Award--Avalon, Renaissance, Reid and Cabrillo. Statewide, 88 schools participated in SPARC.

Each school team in February completed a self-study of support activities and student outcomes, identifying strengths and weaknesses. The awards were presented to counseling teams in May at Cal Poly Pomona.

GATE Certification

Thirteen first-year teachers were recently recognized by the Board of Education for completing GATE certification. After 45 hours of professional development, each teacher prepared portfolios illustrating successful differentiated GATE lessons and student work.

Newly GATE certified teachers include Kim Dalton, Sheila Flaherty, Jolene Fournier, Griselda Garcia, Stephanie Heyer, Ann Marie Lander, Amber Lane, Laura Monaghan, Matt Monaghan, Tim Mulvehill, Colette Napier, Jennifer Parsons and Rosemary Sissons.

The certificate in differentiated instruction may be earned by teachers who complete certification classes. To learn more about the process, visit the GATE webpage at www.lbusd.k12.ca.us/curriculum/GATE/teachers.htm

Retiring? Tell Us Now

Certificated employees planning to resign, retire or request a leave of absence for the 2004-05 school year should submit the appropriate form to their site administrator as soon as possible.

Resignations and requests for full-year leaves of absence received after June 30 will not be approved unless the district is able to hire a suitable replacement.

For information, contact Bobbie Montes, program administrator, at ext. 8108.

According to the TALB contract, employees who have served a complete contract year are eligible for district-paid benefits through September 30.

For questions regarding duration of benefits, contact Risk Management at ext. 8233.

Names in the News

Dr. Gwen Mathews, director of the top-rated Head Start program in the nation, was honored recently with Alpha Phi Alpha's G. Bernard Brown Award as a role model for young scholars.

Honored as Outstanding Volunteers In Public Schools (VIPS) for May are **Marivic Hokanson**, Twain; **Jim Kruger** and **Juan Salcedo**, Newcomb; **Irma Morales**, Washington; **Margaret Podue**, Bixby; **Amada Salazar**, Whittier; and **Lyne Schockner**, Hughes.