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PANTHER PRIDE — Jordan High School seniors Mia Webb, Angel Paz and Elizabeth Garcia were among more than 5,000 students who graduated at 10 different ceremonies in June. Jordan recently earned the maximum 6-year WASC accreditation. This fall, Jordan will offer a new Architecture, Construction and Engineering Academy.

Jordan to Offer ACE Academy in Fall '07

Jordan High School will offer students the opportunity to prepare for careers in architecture, construction and engineering as part of a new academy being launched in cooperation with the City of Long Beach and its mayor, Bob Foster.

Modeled after a successful program at Kearny High School in San Diego, the Jordan Architecture, Construction and Engineering Academy will serve about 60 students in tenth grade this fall. By the 2010-11 school year, as many as 400 students will participate. Already, 150 students have expressed interest.

ACE will use real-world applications of the standard high school curriculum to prepare students to pass the California High School Exit Exam and to go on to college or enter into the workforce directly from high school. The program at Kearny High School, now in its fifth year, saw the senior class achieve 100 percent passage on the exit exam. The aim is to help prepare students for high-demand jobs that pay competitive salaries.

Foster announced the partnership with the school district, local construction and architecture firms, and carpentry and electrical trade unions during his State of the City speech in
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Hundreds Participate In Virtual Trade Fair

More than 600 students and 42 schools from throughout the state participated in this year's Long Beach Regional Occupational Program Virtual Enterprise Trade Fair at the Long Beach Convention Center.

Virtual Enterprise allows high school students to develop and run simulated businesses, preparing them for the world of work. Each high school in the district offers such classes, which meet the A-G requirements for admission to the state university systems. Virtual businesses trade their services and products during the semester and compete in trade fair competitions at virtual trade fairs throughout the state and the world.

At the event, guests and judges spend virtual dollars to buy services and products. The judges, a group of Long Beach business partners and education leaders, score the virtual businesses in competitions based on professional criteria in such categories as Most Creative, Most Professional, Best Salesmanship, Best Company Catalog, Best Company Newsletter, Best Financial Statements, Best TV Ad and Best Website.

Representatives from UPS, Citibank, the Lion's Club, Long Beach City College, Boeing, NIT, Cal State Long Beach and other agencies volunteered as judges.

High Schools Earn Six-Year Accreditations

All six of the Long Beach Unified School District's large, comprehensive high schools have earned the full six-year accreditation from the Western Association of Schools and Colleges. WASC teams recently visited the schools to observe how well they serve students.

"We're delighted that all schools reviewed have earned the full six-year accreditation," said Christopher J. Steinhauer, superintendent of schools. "This reflects the tremendous amount of work being done each day by our high school students, teachers, administrators, support staff and parents. Not all school districts are as fortunate to have such glowing WASC reports across the board. It's truly a significant accomplishment."

Reviewers noted several areas of strength at each school.

Cabrillo High School:

- A caring and safe campus environment;

- Collegiality among all staff members;
- A standards-based curriculum and college-going culture;
- Intervention programs and support for students;
- Implementation of small learning communities.

Cabrillo reviewers further noted that students were engaged in learning and "the resources available to them to learn are state of the art." Upon randomly interviewing students, reviewers said, "it was apparent that they all valued their school and took pride in the teaching and learning environment."

Jordan High School:

- Use of data to adjust instruction, develop programs and place students;
 - Focus of curriculum and instruction toward achievement of standards;
 - Increase in enrollment in higher-level
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\$1 Million P.E. Grant Goes to High Schools

The Long Beach Unified School District has earned a U.S. Department of Education grant of more than \$1 million to create innovative fitness centers for students at seven high schools. Funding will go toward physical education equipment, teacher training and instructional materials.

The three-year Physical Education for Progress grant will be implemented this fall at Cabrillo, Jordan, Millikan and Wilson high schools. The initial year's funding of \$468,000 will be followed by a second year of \$285,000 and a third year of \$261,000 for a total of more than \$1 million. Second-year implementation will occur at Lakewood and Renaissance high schools, with Polytechnic High School scheduled for the third year.

"We're thrilled. This is a major boost to our physical education program," said Joan Van Blom, physical education curriculum

leader for the Long Beach Unified School District and a two-time Olympic rowing silver medalist. "It's critical that we improve the physical health of our youngsters. The equipment and training provided through this grant will help students build aerobic capacity, muscle strength and healthy habits that provide life-long benefits."

LBUSD, which has named its grant implementation "Beach Fit," will use the funding to purchase spin bikes, rowing machines, exercise mats, aerobic steps, hand weights, body composition scales and other equipment. The equipment will help to reduce students' down time during physical education classes while increasing the amount of time spent on vigorous physical activity.

The district's five Nationally Board Certified physical education instructors will collaborate with teachers at each of the high schools.

• Accreditation

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courses;

- Mutual respect among staff and students, and clear sense of loyalty to the school by stakeholders.

Lakewood High School:

- Commitment of staff to work together to improve student achievement;

- Monitoring of student progress by using data;

- Implementation of new, smaller learning communities;

- Website that communicates school activities, training opportunities and student grades.

Millikan High School:

- Smaller learning communities that promote personal connections for students, and experienced, caring staff committed to student success;

- Nationally recognized AVID college readiness program and college-bound culture;

- Support by the Long Beach community;

- Diverse academic offerings addressing academic, personal and social needs.

Polytechnic High School:

- Pride in diverse and collegial campus;

- Multi-faceted academic and personal support system;

- Highly qualified teachers and support staff;

- AVID college preparation program;

- Success and growth in Advanced Placement.

Wilson Classical High School:

- Faculty, administrative staff, student and parent efforts to provide a safe learning environment and clean school;

- Faculty, administration and staff's dedication to students, effective delivery of curriculum to all students, and commitment to provide the strongest instructional program with equal access to all students;

- Students' significant progress on high-stakes tests;

- Students' appreciation of diversity, respectful attitude toward learning, and their care for their school.

The Western Association of Schools and Colleges is one of six regional associations that accredit public and private schools, colleges, and universities in the United States. Learn more at www.wascweb.org.

• ACE Academy

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January, when he committed to raising \$500,000 in private start-up funds.

"We're deeply grateful to Mayor Foster for bringing together the many partners that will make this academy a success," said Christopher J. Steinhauser, superintendent of schools for the Long Beach Unified School District.

"The mayor is working earnestly to help break the cycle of poverty that many families face. We share his aim," Steinhauser said. "Preparing students for success in high paying, high demand jobs is the best way to make that aim a reality. The ACE Academy is an important extension of our efforts to prepare kids for success in college and the working world."

The academy will feature internships with employers while students concurrently enroll in Long Beach City College and Cal State Long Beach classes.

Eighth Graders Win Lough, Frangesch Awards

Five eighth graders each earned \$500 college scholarships recently, courtesy of the Lyman W. and Nancy E. Lough Eighth Grade Scholarship Fund.

The awards go to students with average grades (2.0 to 2.9 GPA), good citizenship and a potential for future success. The winners traditionally are students who are beating the odds and continuing to learn despite tough circumstances, such as a disability, a difficult home life or other challenges.

The winners and their schools are: Olivia Dunn, Stanford; Jordan Fernandez, Monroe; Darryl Garcia, Rogers; Enrique Gonzales, Washington; and Justin Mayes, Hughes.

Each winner receives a plaque. Their scholarship checks are presented upon enrollment in trade school or college.

Any Long Beach Unified school with eighth graders can nominate one student to become a finalist. The five scholarship winners are selected from a group of 20 finalists, each of whom receives an engraved plaque.

Individuals and corporations who would like to sponsor a scholarship in escrow may do so for only \$100 per year. The money is earmarked for a deserving student in eighth grade.

The Job Board

- Stanford Middle School is seeking a seventh grade GATE history teacher. Applicants should either have completed or be working toward GATE certification. E-mail a resume to kcruz@lbusd.k12.ca.us. Interviews will take place in July.

- Addams Elementary School is seeking a first grade EXCEL teacher. E-mail a resume to Yvette Streeter or call 428-0202.

- Powell Academy is seeking a K-8 math coach with MAP II experience for 2007-08. Algebra experience is preferred. Contact Sparkle Peterson, principal, at ext. 2807 or dpeterson@lbusd.k12.ca.us.

- Barton Elementary School is seeking two literacy specialists/hourly instructional facilitators. A multiple subject credential, at least three years of elementary teaching experience and a desire for leadership development are preferred. Send a letter of interest and resume to Luana Wesley, principal, by Friday, July 27.

- Applications are now being accepted at the Personnel Commission, 999 Atlantic Ave., for certified occupational therapy assistant-licensed, program supervisor-Special Projects, and speech-language pathology assistant.

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with \$100 per year added during each year in high school for a total of \$500 by the time the student enters college. The scholarships help provide an incentive to prepare for college.

As part of the Lough Awards, an additional \$180-per-year scholarship from the Frangesch Memorial Fund went to student Nekia Moore of Hamilton. The fund was established in 1998 in memory of John Frangesch, a popular LBUSD elementary school principal who died shortly after his retirement. The Frangesch award selection criteria are the same as those used for the Lough Awards. To contribute to either fund, contact the Long Beach Education Foundation at 997-8054.

Recent Promotions

The following classified employees recently received promotions:

Julio Alcantar, plant supervisor II, Newcomb;

Teresa Alegria, instructional aid-special, Avalon;

Elizabeth Arias, school data technician, School for Adults;

Brenda Biggart, accountant, Accounting;

Dean Braunstein, grounds equipment operator I, Operations;

Maria Cristobal, senior office assistant/school, Cabrillo;

Bertha Frantz, intermediate office assistant/school, Burbank;

Julio Hernandez, senior food production utility worker, Nutrition Services;

Tanya House, elementary school office supervisor, Lincoln;

Mario Jimenez, custodian, Avalon;

Crystal Howard Johnson, education research analyst I, Superintendent's Office;

Oralia Lopez, middle school office supervisor, Marshall;

Johnny Marra, plant supervisor I, Harte;

Michael Mendoza, transportation scheduler, Transportation;

Martha Morales, Head Start instructional aide, Head Start;

Floyd Moreland, senior food production utility worker, Nutrition Services;

Weldon Morris, lead custodian, Wilson;

Donald Morrow, plant supervisor I, Burcham;

Veronica Orozco, school community worker-bilingual Spanish, Hudson;

Samuel Pham, accountant, Accounting;

Kathie Price, senior executive secretary, Curriculum;

Sara Slater, budget advisor/analyst, Financial Services;

Lamonte Stinson, plant supervisor I, Lincoln;

Elizabeth Ward, elementary school office supervisor, Fremont;

Leslie Warner, library/media assistant, Avalon.

In Memoriam

Edythe Jacobe
former instructional aide-special
June 29, 2007