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## Jayne Petrich Named School Nurse of Year

DeMille Middle School Nurse Jayne Petrich has earned the 2007 School Nurse of the Year Award for the Long Beach Unified School District.

Petrich said she was shocked at the surprise announcement.

"We're such a great group of nurses, so when one of us wins this award, it's like we're winning it for all of us," she said. "I work with a wonderful group of dedicated people at DeMille. They nominated me, and I'm grateful."

Petrich is one of 70 nurses in the school district, all of whom hold bachelor's degrees and credentials. They provide vision and hearing screening, scoliosis testing, first aid and consultation with parents, doctors and the Long Beach Health Department.

As a school nurse for more than 11 years in Long Beach, Petrich was nominated by school staff for her high level of professionalism and care when working with students and adults alike. She is active in the Long Beach School Nurses Association and participates frequently in school and community events.



## Millikan, Lakewood Earn Major Grant

The Long Beach Unified School District has received a \$2.5 million U.S. Department of Education Smaller Learning Communities Grant. The grant will expand and enhance smaller learning communities at Lakewood and Millikan high schools.

Both Lakewood and Millikan offer students a choice of academies, or smaller learning communities, emphasizing business and technology, science, global education and the arts.

The two high schools will use the latest grant to align their coursework with the California State University A-G entrance requirements. Each school also will use funds to continue their expansion of Advanced Placement offerings, and to increase the number of students who take these courses.

Smaller learning communities have been found to result in higher course-passing rates, better attendance and fewer suspensions.

## Broad Foundation Funds Leadership Training

With nearly 50 principals in the Long Beach Unified School District scheduled to retire within the next five years, recruiting and training their successors is a top priority. To meet this challenge, the school district is using a \$2.7 million, three-year grant from the Eli and Edythe Broad Foundation. The grant will fund LBUSD's Aspiring Principals Program.

"Principals are the front-line leaders who are critical to the success of a school," said Eli Broad, founder of The Broad Foundation. "We are investing in the necessary recruitment, training and development that will cultivate top-line talent into the principalship and ultimately lead to improved student achievement."

The grant will fund the training of 50 principals in three groups, expanding a pilot project. LBUSD also will add a year-long apprenticeship for principal candidates.

"We deeply appreciate the Broad Foundation's continued support of our schools," said Christopher J. Steinhauser,

LBUSD superintendent of schools. "The most effective ways to improve instruction are to attract, train and retain not only high quality teachers, but also top-notch administrators. The Broad Foundation's funding will help us to create a pool of highly qualified school leaders."

The Aspiring Principals Program is one of several efforts here to reach out to teachers and others to identify and develop future leaders. Teacher leadership certificate development, a Cal State Long Beach administrative credential cohort, and an aspiring assistant principals program are helping to develop a pipeline of strong leaders.

The Broad Foundation received more than 40 applications for this funding. The \$2.7 million grant was part of \$8.3 million awarded to Long Beach, Gwinnett County Public Schools in Georgia, and the University of Illinois.

"Gwinnett, Long Beach and UIC have all demonstrated a real commitment to monitoring

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## LBUSD Wins \$2.9 Million for Magnet Schools

The Long Beach Unified School District has won a \$2.9 million U.S. Department of Education Magnet School Grant that will boost career and college readiness at Dooley Elementary School, Lindsey Middle School, and Jordan and Poly high schools.

Existing magnet programs at Poly and Jordan will receive upgraded technology and additional teacher training.

At Poly's Pacific Rim Academy, the 150-student program in grades ten to 12 will expand to ninth grade and accommodate another 50 students.

Jordan's International Baccalaureate diploma program will expand at the main campus and at

the Jordan Freshman Academy. International Baccalaureate diplomas are honored at the best universities in the world as indicative of outstanding academic training.

The new grant also will bring International Baccalaureate programs to Dooley and Lindsey schools.

"The idea is that students can now start the IB program in kindergarten and continue until they're seniors," said Angela Marcano, LBUSD Magnet Programs Administrator.

The initial one-year grant of \$2.9 million is likely to be renewed for a total of up to \$8 million over the next three years. Implementation begins this year.

## Thank You for An Impressive Start to the Year

By Christopher J. Steinhauser  
Superintendent of Schools

Thanks to our dedicated team of educators and support staff, our schools are off to an impressive start this year. What a pleasure it was to travel to Washington, D.C., recently and see the Long Beach Unified School District recognized yet again as one of the nation's best school systems.

The Library of Congress was a stunning and fitting setting for our schools to be honored as one of the top five finalists for the national Broad Prize for Urban



Education. I was joined in D.C. by Long Beach school board members, representatives of our employee unions, Long Beach Mayor Bob Foster, former Long Beach Mayor Beverly O'Neill, and supporters from the business community. It was another proud day for our schools, and it happened because of your hard work.

While the New York City Department of Education won the top Broad Prize this year, Long Beach remains the only former winner of the award to have returned to the competition as a finalist. This track record speaks volumes about the staying power of LBUSD as one of the nation's best large school systems. And as a finalist, our students will again receive \$125,000 in scholarships. Our students have worked hard, too, and they deserve this recognition and support.

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## • Impressive Start

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As a recent newspaper editorial stated, Long Beach schools have not rested on their laurels. In fact, this fall we've resumed our important work with renewed vigor. We're implementing our Strategic Plan and its focus on raising student achievement, ensuring school safety, cultivating a well-trained workforce and improving communication districtwide.

We've opened our brand new Dooley Elementary School, serving more than 1,000 students in a beautiful facility. Meanwhile, we continue to develop thoughtful master plans for facilities and technology, so that our students and staff will be served well for many years to come.

Thank you, colleagues, for your willingness to go the extra mile and continually seek better ways to serve our students. You truly are making a difference for thousands of children and their families in a way that inspires others nationwide. Your daily efforts are deeply appreciated.

Best wishes for a safe and successful year.

## Poly, Wilson Seniors Earn Writing Honors

Four high school students from the Long Beach Unified School District have earned 2007 Achievement Awards in Writing from the National Council of Teachers of English. The winners are Poly High School's Mathew Eldon and Wilson High School's Justine Armstrong, Emily Munoz-Snyder and Sally Westcott.

The four seniors are among 595 high school students honored nationwide. The awards were established in 1957 to recognize some of the best student writers in the nation. Awards are based on students' samples of their own best prose or verse and on impromptu themes that are written under supervision. A team of English teachers from throughout the students' home state judges the writing.

## Coffee With Chris

The Long Beach Unified Family Committee will meet Tuesday, Oct. 9, from 4:30 to 6:30 p.m. in the Administration Building Community Room. The informal meetings encourage open dialogue between employees and Superintendent Chris Steinhauser.

Dates and locations of other meetings scheduled for this school year are Nov. 15, Administration Building; Dec. 17, Wilson High School; Jan. 14, Millikan High School; Feb. 14, Administration Building; March 10, Lakewood High School; April 21, Jordan High School; and May 5, Cabrillo High School.

## In Memoriam

**Joyce Ann Clement**  
former custodian  
September 8, 2007



**LEADERS IN TRAINING** — Assistant principals Lorena Moreno and Marvin Lawton participate in school leadership training provided by the Long Beach Unified School District. The training is one of several efforts to develop a pipeline of strong and effective leaders by reaching out to teachers and others who work in local schools.

## National Certification

Information meetings will be held to discuss the National Board Certification process and the district's pre-candidacy program. The meetings are scheduled for Thursday, Oct. 11 and Tuesday, Oct. 30 at 3:45 p.m. at the Teacher Resource Center, Room A.

The Long Beach Unified School District has made a commitment to support teachers who are interested in applying for National Board Certification. Teachers who are accepted and who successfully complete the pre-candidacy program are eligible for payment of the \$2,565 National Board application fees.

Additionally, teachers who obtain National Board Certification are eligible for up to a 10 percent salary increase for the life of the certificate (10 years) in addition to any compensation provided through the state.

Teachers do not need to attend a meeting to apply. Program applications may be downloaded at [www.lbschools.net](http://www.lbschools.net) under National Board Certification in the A-Z index.

For information, contact Lisa Isbell Hager, ext. 2900.

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## • Leadership Training

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and evaluating student achievement as part of their program design, and the districts have demonstrated real gains in student achievement," said Frances McLaughlin, senior director of The Broad Foundation.

For information regarding the programs or workshops, e-mail [msykes@lbschools.net](mailto:msykes@lbschools.net).

## CLAD Certificates

Teachers completing coursework to earn the Crosscultural, Language and Academic Development (CLAD) certificate may want to finish this fall before requirements change.

The California Commission on Teacher Credentialing recently changed program standards for the CLAD certificate. Part of this change allows universities to disallow credits earned under the old standards and requires those seeking the CLAD certificate to start again under the new standards.

For more information, contact a credential service specialist at ext. 8071.

## The Job Board

- The Office of Curriculum, Instruction and Professional Development is now accepting applications for MAP<sup>2</sup>D coach. Applicants should have participated in this math training and have at least two years experience teaching with MAP<sup>2</sup>D strategies. Submit letters of interest, including three references and a resume, to Christine Dominguez, deputy superintendent, OCIPD, by Friday, Oct. 12.

- Jefferson Leadership Academy seeks fifth grade MAP<sup>2</sup>D teachers for after-school intervention classes in "It's All About the Facts" for sixth graders. The courses run from 3 to 4 p.m. Mondays, Tuesdays and Wednesdays from Oct. 22 to spring break. Teachers will be paid their hourly rate. Contact counselor Yvette Gjonovich at ext. 6500.

- The Office of Curriculum, Instruction and Professional Development is accepting applications for the position of GEAR Up grant coordinator to oversee implementation of the new grant at 13 middle schools. Applicants must have a master's degree or above and at least three years or more of successful experience as a site or central office manager, administrator or program facilitator. To apply, submit letters of interest, including three references and a resume, to Christine Dominguez, deputy superintendent, OCIPD, by Friday, Oct. 12. For information, contact Christine Dominguez at [cdominguez@lbschools.net](mailto:cdominguez@lbschools.net) or Carol Ortega at [cortega@lbschools.net](mailto:cortega@lbschools.net).

- Applications are now being accepted at the Personnel Commission, 999 Atlantic Ave., for Human Resources technician, Information and Technology Systems executive director, Kids Club assistant and Kids Club lead assistant.

## Lakewood's 50th

Lakewood High School's 50th anniversary celebration will be held Saturday, Oct. 13 from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. at the school. Attendees can enjoy the Lancer Brick Walk groundbreaking, games, rides and barbecue. For information, call ext. 3382.