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## This Year's Retirees Served 4,858 Years

A total of 202 Long Beach Unified School District employees are retiring this year, including 125 teachers and other certificated employees along with 77 classified employees.

Certificated employees have amassed a total of 3,132 years of service, while classified employees have devoted 1,726 years.

Leading certificated retirees in seniority is 39-year employee Maggie Webster.

Leading classified retirees in seniority is 36-year employee Don Norford.



**Webster**

### Certificated Retirees:

- 39 years—Maggie Webster, High School Office;
- 37 years—Carmen Hooker, GOC; Joanne Richardson, Powell;
- 36 years—Valdee Davis, CDC; Robert Williams, Special Projects;
- 34 years—Robert Muenzer II, Wilson; William Eden, Jordan; Shirley Lane, Burbank/Robinson; Karen Roubinov, Reid;
- 33 years—Alexander Flynn, Gompers; Patsy Williams, West CDC; Tony Diaz, Webster; Bobbie Montes, HRS;
- 32 years—Kathryn Clark, Millikan; Cheri Strawsburg, Twain CDC; Cliff Kusaba, Stanford;
- 31 years—Cathy Carlson, Henry; Mary Dyess, Muir; Steven Yaffee, Bixby; Betty Muszynski, Cabrillo/Millikan; Gail Stoter,

- Lafayette/Willard;
  - 30 years—Elizabeth Hartung-Cole, Jordan Plus; Margaret Senneff, Roosevelt;
  - 29 years—Cynthia Matsumoto, Signal Hill; Terre Hradnansky, Newcomb; Patricia Weber-Miller, Henry; Carolyn Baughman, Newcomb;
  - 28 years—Parisima Shahidi, Special Education; Helen Satorius, Cabrillo;
  - 27 years—Carol De Mott, Holmes; Sheryal Walthers, Poly; Karen Rodgers, Cabrillo; Kathy Huber, Fremont; Thomas Sourbeer, Jordan;
  - 26 years—Wendy Porter, Chavez; Irene Hale, Lee; Kathleen Hatchell, Holmes; Kenneth Filinuk, LOA; Carolyn Green, Tincher;
  - 25 years—Margaret Towner, Willard;
  - 24 years—Ann Samuelson, Poly; John Arfwedson, Poly; Linda Conn, King; Maria Contreras, Head Start; Sue Buch, Bancroft; Linda Mehlbrech, OCIPD;
  - 23 years—Diane Paull, EPHS; Hedy Orbach, Millikan; Diane Johnson, Madison;
  - 21 years—Randi Gibson, Stanford; Maryann Feo, Lowell; Kathryn Huss, Alvarado; Rae Boeving, Butler/Hamilton;
  - 20 years—Jonnette Newton, LOA; Monica Morgan, Lakewood;
  - 19 years—Gray Lange, Newcomb; Karalyn Mibeck, LOA; Hector Galindo, Grant;
  - 18 years—Linda Kraus, Webster;
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**Norford**

## Grads' Scholarships Reach Record \$76M

Graduating seniors in the Long Beach Unified School District have earned a record \$76.6 million in scholarships and grants this year. The total is about \$24 million more than the previous record set last year and represents more than a four-fold increase since 2007.

**Poly High School** seniors earned \$28.8 million, far surpassing last year's school record of \$18.1 million. Awards included \$400,000 to West Point, \$360,000 to Harvard, \$265,000 to Northwestern, \$247,000 to USC, and \$228,000 to MIT. Other top school acceptances included Princeton, Stanford, University of Pennsylvania, Fordham, Brown, Duke,

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## A Year to Remember

By **Christopher J. Steinhauser**  
Superintendent of Schools

We have much to be proud of as we wrap up a productive and pivotal school year.

Our graduates are earning an impressive number of scholarships as they gain entry into prestigious colleges and universities. Hundreds more students are taking college prep courses, and more are subsequently enrolling in college.

The nation and the world have noticed our schools' successes. U.S. News and World Report, the Washington Post and Newsweek all have ranked several of our high schools among the nation's best. Earlier this year, an international study included our school district on a list of five of the world's top performing school systems.

Not too long ago, all of this success was in jeopardy. Last June we warned about the huge budget cuts that would occur unless voters approved Prop. 30. Fortunately, voters came through in the clutch. We appreciate their vote of confidence in our schools, which has helped to remove the specter of further, drastic cuts. Instead we can now focus on more positive developments, like the opening of McBride High School this fall, and the implementation of rigorous Common Core state standards.

Hopefully a stabilized California budget will bring better years ahead. In the meantime, our employees, parents and community should be proud of what our schools and students have accomplished during difficult times.

Congratulations to the Class of 2013, and thank you to everyone who has supported our students' achievements.



**Steinhauser**

**INSPIRING** – School board member Mary Stanton greets Kettering Elementary School second grader Sydney Waldrop, winner of her school's Most Inspiring Student Award. One student from each local school was honored during the annual dinner at the Long Beach Hilton. View more photos of the awards event at [lbschools.net](http://lbschools.net).



## • Retirees

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Ursula Flint, McKinley; Elizabeth Horton, Lakewood;

17 years—Denise Hull, Roosevelt; Lori Viola, Holmes;

16 years—Christopher Sarmiento, Millikan; Lynda Merrill, MacArthur;

15 years—Elaine Pacholka, Wilson; Cynthia Orozco, Cubberley; Lilian De La Paz, MacArthur;

13 years—Bruce Gustafson, Powell;

11 years—Cary Pawlacyk, LOA;

10 years—Barbara Duffy, Jordan; Nancy Wittman, LOA; Carol Clanton, Lindbergh.

Fifty-two others who served 1,293 years asked that their names not be printed.

### Classified Retirees:

36 years—Don Norford, Poly;  
34 years—William Bullock, Transportation;

32 years—Charles Alford, Maintenance;  
Lawrence Clayton III, Millikan;

31 years—Dale Gray, Transportation;  
Catalina Gomez, Nutrition Services; Lynn Vergel De Dios, Nutrition Services;

30 years—Linda Camu, Riley; Vicky Kingery, Webster;

29 years—Gregg Heckethorn, Maintenance;  
Vickie West, Wilson; Dorothy Glynn, OCIPD;

26 years—Alberta Cayton, Millikan;

25 years—Polly Kennedy, Hill; Manuel Millan, Lindsey;

24 years—Vickie Swan, Purchasing; Louise Alverson, Purchasing; Evelina Mitchell, Information Services; Nancy Huntington, Gant; Christine Burns, Tincer;

22 years—Shirley Piotraschke,  
Transportation; Catherine Bell, Hudson; Debra Kiernan, Lindbergh;

20 years—Christian Velasco, Maintenance;

Betty Smith-Brown, Burnett;

19 years—Robert Lyon, Wilson; Bradford Angell, Purchasing; Laurie Wade, OCIPD;

15 years—Maria Luce, Franklin; Patricia Boaz, Hill; Thomas Dunbar, Addams;

14 years—Alison Shimabukuro, Special Projects;

12 years—James Booker, Jr., Nutrition Services; Marilyn Hummel, Bancroft;

10 years—Nellie Wright, Twain.

A total of 41 others with a combined 876 years of service asked not to be listed.

## Signal Hill Reunion

Signal Hill Elementary School is planning a PTA Founder's Day celebration from 9 a.m. to noon on Saturday, June 29.

All students, teachers and staff – past and present – are invited to bring photos of their time at Signal Hill, and to enjoy food and entertainment. Call 426-8170 for more information.

## In Memoriam

**Elaine Logay**

instructional aide special, Stephens  
May 15, 2013

## • Scholarships Reach Record High

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Boston College and all University of California campuses.

**California Academy of Mathematics and Science** students earned \$13.5 million. Top school admissions included MIT, Johns Hopkins, Northwestern, Olin College of Engineering, Carnegie Mellon, Columbia, NYU, Pepperdine, Stanford, Yale, Georgetown, Duke, Brown, Harvard, Haverford, Rice, USC, Wellesley, Williams, UC Berkeley and UCLA.

**Millikan High School** students earned \$10.5 million. School acceptances included Harvard, Stanford, MIT, Columbia, Rochester Institute of Technology, Gonzaga, Embry Riddle, Drexel, Reed, Emerson, NYU, Claremont McKenna, Boston University, George Washington University, Pitzer, Vanguard, Fordham, Purdue, Pepperdine, USC, Michigan State, Texas Christian, and most of the California State University and University of California campuses.

**Wilson Classical High School** students earned \$10.1 million. Students will attend college in 34 states, the District of Columbia, Switzerland, United Kingdom and Guatemala. Top school acceptances included all University of California and California State University systems, Princeton, Columbia, Brown, Boston College, Syracuse, George Washington, Stanford, NYU, Tulane, Southern Methodist, USC, Bard, Rennselaer, UCLA, Berkeley, Drexel, Rhode Island, Suffolk, Embry-Riddle,

## Nurse of the Year

Joyce Cox, the lead nurse who coordinates 36 nurses at 89 sites, has won the 2013 School Nurse of the Year Award from the Long Beach School Nurses Association.

Cox has been a school nurse for 35 years, working at Lindbergh, Barton, Burbank, Poly PAAL, Home Hospital, New City, Tucker Transition, Community Day School and Nursing Services. She is an active community volunteer, including at Long Beach Ronald McDonald House events. Colleagues praised her sense of humor and her advocacy for school nurses during an era of great change.



**Cox**

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**Lakewood High School** students earned \$7 million. Top school acceptances included the U.S. Air Force Academy, U.S. Naval Academy, most University of California and many California State University campuses, USC, Boston University, University of Connecticut, Drexel, Ohio State, Claremont McKenna, University of Redlands, Chapman, Mount St. Mary's College, Pepperdine and Occidental.

**Cabrillo High School** students earned \$3.1 million. School acceptances included UCLA, UC Irvine, UC San Diego, Xavier University, Baylor, and Laguna College of Art and Design.

**Jordan High School** students earned \$2 million, including Gates Millennium and UC Regents scholarships. Top school acceptances included Occidental, Drexel, Howard, UC Davis, UC Berkeley, UCLA, University of the Pacific, Chapman and Cal Poly Pomona.

**Avalon High School** students on Catalina Island earned \$1.3 million. School acceptances included UCLA, Washington and Lee University, UC Davis, Cal State Long Beach, University of Arizona, Coe College, Ripon College, Westminster College, College of Wooster and Hawaii Pacific University.

**Renaissance High School** for the Arts students earned \$235,000 including President's (CSULB), UCLA Recognition, and Long Beach Bar Association scholarships. School acceptances included eight California State University campuses and seven University of California campuses, along with Azusa Pacific, Northern Arizona, Boise State, Loyola Marymount and the New York Film Academy.

**Educational Partnership High School** students earned \$44,000.

**Long Beach School For Adults** students earned \$10,000.

**Reid Continuation High School** students earned \$4,000.

Students districtwide also earned hundreds of non-monetary honors including Rotary Service Above Self, Congressional Art, Most Inspiring Student and National Merit awards.

## Names in the News

Four teachers, nominated by their schools, were honored by the Long Beach Area Masons at the Long Beach Scottish Rite teacher appreciation night: **Whitney Gomes** of Jordan, **Jean Davis** of Millikan, **Patrick Gillogly** of Poly, and **Susan Westberg** of Wilson.

The Long Beach Area Chamber of Commerce has named Wilson Classical High School teacher **Wendy Salaya** as the recipient of this year's Greta McGree Budai Educator Scholarship.

Millikan High School senior **Cynthia Julian** was named the first place winner of the annual Congressional Arts Competition for the 47th Congressional District. She received her award at a recent ceremony hosted by Congressman **Alan Lowenthal**. Her winning artwork has been placed in the main corridor between the U.S. Capitol and House Office Buildings, where it will remain for one year. Wilson Classical High School student **Helena Ballent** earned second place while **Becky Annella** from Millikan earned third place. Their artwork will hang in the Congressman's Long Beach district office for a year.