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Retiring Employees Served for 56 Centuries

A total of 233 Long Beach Unified School District employees with a combined 5,671 years of service are retiring.

Leading classified retirees in seniority is 39-year employee Jack Johnson, area custodial manager. Leading certificated retirees is teacher Linda Valenzuela with 45 years.

Classified Retirees

- 39 years — Jack Johnson, Operations;
- 37 years — Linda Mayberry, Information Services;
- 36 years — Chris Stoeckley, Bixby;
- 35 years — David Newman, Grounds Services;
- 34 years — Kelli Hazlewood, Lakewood;
- 33 years — John Hogan, School Safety and Emergency Preparedness;
- 31 years — Wayne Nichols, Maintenance;
- Karen Ramos, Grant;
- Michael Spencer, Maintenance;
- 30 years — Barbara Hendron, Purchasing;
- 29 years — Chrysteen Cornell, Hoover;
- 27 years — James Mitzner, Maintenance;
- 26 years — Helen Doctolero, Nutrition Services;
- Joyce Kuroiwa, Textbook Services;
- 25 years — RoxAnn Batovsky, Purchasing;
- 24 years — John Gibson, Jordan; Janice



Johnson

- Medford, Transportation; Virginia Scott, Madison/Prisk;
 - 23 years — Mary Anne McElroy, Stanford;
 - 22 years — Kathy Mendoza, Garfield;
 - Rashmi Sampat, Gifted Supervision;
 - 19 years — Debra LaBelle, Cubberley;
 - Stella Ramos, Poly;
 - 18 years — Sandra Combs, Research; Susan Cuff, Millikan;
 - 17 years — Filomena Enad, Nutrition Services;
 - 16 years — Patricia Montijo-Rendon, Cabrillo; Tina Nguyen, Jefferson; Michelle Thomas, Emerson/Los Cerritos;
 - 15 years — Pamela Allensworth-Steuve, Nelson; Teresa Castillo, Head Start; Jeffrey Griffith, Poly; Sareth Hang, Smith; Helena Jamadi, Risk Management; Susan Yamaguchi, Stephens;
 - 14 years — Jose Cervantes, Burcham; Darlene Ragucci, Information Services; Ralph Weil, Purchasing; Robin Whiteside, Lakewood;
 - 11 years — Donna Castro, Cleveland;
- A total of 44 others with a combined 968 years of service asked not to be listed.



Valenzuela

Certificated Retirees

- 45 years — Linda Valenzuela, Holmes;
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Scholarships Reach Record \$96 Million

Graduating seniors in the Long Beach Unified School District earned a record \$96 million in scholarships and grants this year. The total of \$96,087,625 is about a half million dollars more than the previous record set last year and represents more than a five-fold increase since 2007.

Poly High School/PAAL students earned \$36.5 million, surpassing last year's school record by \$6 million. Nearly \$24 million of Poly's scholarships are for athletics. Individual awards included \$387,000 from the U.S. Air Force Academy, \$350,000 from the U.S. Naval Academy and four awards of more than \$268,000 each from USC. Other top school acceptances included Stanford, Yale, Vanderbilt, Cornell, Columbia, Georgetown, Tufts, Northwestern, Johns Hopkins, William and Mary, Notre Dame and almost all University of California schools.

Wilson Classical High School students earned more than \$24.3 million, up \$1.4 million over last year's school record. Individual awards included \$240,000 from Cornell, \$170,000 from the Virginia Military Institute, \$139,000 from UC Berkeley, and \$124,000 from Princeton. Other top school acceptances included Georgetown, Rensselaer Polytechnic, Duke, Brandeis, Boston University, George Washington, Tulane, Bucknell, Emerson College and Bard College.

Millikan High School students earned \$10.1 million, including a full ride to
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Nurse of the Year

Mary Ann Pollaro, a nurse at Marshall and Burcham schools, has earned the School Nurse of the Year Award from the Long Beach School Nurses Association.

The 18-year employee of the Long Beach Unified School District "is the embodiment of all that a school nurse should be," wrote one teacher. "She possesses not only the knowledge and skill set for the position, but the personal qualities so essential to working with staff, parents and most important the children she serves. Whether she is screening, assisting a sick child or treating an emergency, Mary Ann always remains calm and reassuring."

Another teacher wrote, "Mary Ann is generous with her time and heart. We are very fortunate to have someone such as Mary Ann to look after our kids and our teachers. Her dedication to all students is evident in her warm smile and hard work."



Pollaro

Record-Setting Results, Thanks to You

By Christopher J. Steinhauser
Superintendent of Schools

It's time to celebrate what has been an amazing school year for our students. By the end of next week, 6,000 students will have graduated from our high schools. These seniors are among the most industrious and best prepared we've ever seen. Together, they've amassed a record \$96 million in scholarships and grants, earning admission to the nation's leading colleges and universities. Many of these students are the first in the family to attend college. Many have earned full-ride scholarships that will lift them out of poverty. Many have overcome tough obstacles with the help of family, our dedicated employees, and a school board that puts students first.

Other records have been set this year. Rankings of America's best high schools by U.S. News and World Report include six schools here, an all-time high for our school district. We have a record 1,287 business partners in our schools, providing resources, expertise and encouragement each day. Students in our schools signed up for a record 10,000

Advanced Placement college-level exams this year, an increase of more than 41 percent over the last two years.

The list of records goes on. Such successes are made possible by another type of record – the record of service. Many of our employees are retiring after decades of service – people like Holmes Elementary School kindergarten teacher Linda Valenzuela. When congratulated on her 45 years of service, she offered this response:

"I enjoyed every minute of it!"
I hope she enjoys every minute of her retirement, too.

Similarly, to all of our employees, students and their families who are wrapping up the traditional school year, I hope you will take some well-deserved time to celebrate and recharge.

Congratulations and best wishes to the Class of 2015 and to all who have supported them.



Steinhauser

• Scholarships, Admissions to Top Schools

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UC Berkeley, and four CSULB President's Scholarships. Other top admissions included Vanderbilt, Cornell, Boston University, Williamette, Harvey Mudd, University of Rochester, West Virginia University, Penn State, Rensselaer Polytechnic, Lewis and Clark, Regis, Spelman, University of Puget Sound, Chapman, Mount St. Mary's, Loyola Marymount, Iowa State, Westmont, Duke, Emory, Northwestern, Dartmouth, Columbia, Embry-Riddle Aeronautical University, Howard, USC, University of Oregon, University of Delaware, University of Washington, Seattle University, Fordham, University of Hawaii, University of Wisconsin, University of New Mexico, University of Chicago, Texas Southern University, University of Miami and Virginia Military Institute.

California Academy of Mathematics and Science students earned \$10.1 million, including individual awards of \$260,000 from Tulane University, \$256,800 from Haverford College, \$206,920 from Kalamazoo College, \$245,800 from Middlebury College, \$231,000 from Williams College, \$214,000 from Amherst College, \$211,000 from Bowdoin College, \$207,000 from Reed College, \$191,000 from Middlebury College, and \$166,000 from Boston College. Other top admissions included Harvard, the Olin College of Engineering, Johns Hopkins, Northwestern, Columbia, USC, Yale, Wellesley, Amherst, UC Berkeley, UCLA and UC San Diego. Major awards included eight UC Chancellor's Scholarships, two UC Regents scholarships, three Gates Millennium Scholarships, an Edison International Scholarship, nine National Hispanic Scholars and 16 National Merit Scholars.

Lakewood High School students earned \$9.1 million. Students will attend 40 different colleges and universities in 23 states and the District of Columbia, with 175 attending Cal State schools and 45 attending UC schools. Athletic scholarships were awarded in baseball, soccer, cross-country, track, softball, volleyball, football and rugby. Top school acceptances included the U.S. Air Force Academy, most UC campuses including Berkeley and UCLA, Carnegie Mellon, Middlebury College, Culinary Institute of America, New York University, University of Arizona, Arizona State, Seton Hall, New York Conservatory for Dramatic Arts, Howard, Tuskegee, Weber State, Georgetown, University of Hawaii at Manoa, Louisiana Tech, Loyola Marymount, Woodbury, Mount St. Mary's, University of Oklahoma, University of Utah, Kansas State, University of La Verne and Biola University.

Cabrillo High School students earned \$3.4 million, including the CSU President's Scholarship, Olendorf Music Scholarship, UCLA Achievement Scholarship, Tuskegee University Merit Scholarship and National Pacific Islander Education Network award. Other top school acceptances included UC Irvine, UC Riverside, UC Davis, UC San Diego, UC Merced, Miles College, University of Colorado, University of Denver, all CSU campuses, Syracuse University, Cal Baptist, University of the Pacific, University of Nevada and University of Arizona.

Jordan High School/Jordan Plus students earned more than \$1.1 million, including the Gates Millennium Scholarship and the Frederick C. Branch (Marine Corps) Scholarship. Top school acceptances included UC Berkeley, UCLA, UC Santa Barbara, UC

San Diego, UC Irvine, UC Merced, Tuskegee, Loyola Marymount, BYU, and 11 CSU campuses.

Avalon High School students earned \$769,350, including a \$40,000 Edison STEM Scholar award. The class of 50 seniors on Catalina Island gained admission to Cornell, UC Berkeley, USC, Barnard College of Columbia and other schools.

Renaissance High School for the Arts students earned \$580,950 and admission to 18 CSU campuses and six UC campuses. Other top admissions included Oregon University, Iowa University, Azusa Pacific University, Art Institute, Biola University, Chapman, George Washington, Ohio State, Gordon, Reed, Laguna College of Art & Design, Langston, Tuskegee University, University of Tulsa, Musician's Institute and Manhattanville.

Educational Partnership High School students earned \$38,000.

Beach High School students earned \$29,000.

Reid Continuation High School students earned \$8,000.

Students districtwide also earned hundreds of non-monetary honors including Rotary Service Above Self, Most Inspiring Student, Eagle Scout and State Seal of Biliteracy awards.

Board Considers Budget, LCAP

The Board of Education at its last meeting conducted public hearings on the proposed 2015-16 budget and Local Control Accountability Plan. Both items will be considered for final approval at the board's June 18 meeting.

The Long Beach Unified School District's budget proposal is based largely upon California's proposed budget, which restores some of the school funding that was cut during the state's economic downturn. For Long Beach schools that means nearly \$80 million more than the previous year, in the form of so-called "gap" funding, as the state implements its Local Control Funding Formula (LCFF).

The state formula was approved in 2013 to replace an outdated and confusing school finance system with a more streamlined one that gives schools greater flexibility to use state funding based upon students' needs.

The aim of the formula is to restore public schools to adequate funding by 2020. The additional \$80 million for Long Beach in 2015-16 would help to bridge the gap between recession-era funding levels and the state's ultimate funding goal for 2020.

In addition to the gap funding, LBUSD will receive as much as \$45.7 million in one-time funding. Proposed uses of this funding include \$18 million for textbooks, which need updating after years of suspended textbook adoptions during the state budget crisis.

Other proposed uses for this funding include professional development, or training for employees, technology, a pre-K Educare center building, classroom resources aligned to state standards, and the conversion of year-round schools to a traditional schedule by 2017-18.

View more details and supporting documents at lbschools.net.

• Retirees

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44 years— Gail Schack, Fremont;
42 years— Nancy Stockton, Riley;
41 years— Rod Petkovic, Millikan;
39 years— Lawrence Cahn, Jordan; Sheila Carley, Madison;
38 years— Chris Dominguez, OCIPD;
Marcia Cape, Cleveland;
36 years— Robin Alber, Alvarado;
Stephanie Kishaba, Gompers; Marjean Hughes, Burbank;
35 years— Pamela Kirkendall, Willard;
Diane Gulley, Burcham CDC; Susan Weisenberger, Renaissance; Virginia Torres, Monroe;
34 years— Terry Speir, Poly; Marla Armstrong, Hudson; Lori McBride, Cubberley; John Burt, Poly; Benjamin Martinez, Millikan; Laurie Murrin, Longfellow; Janis Binggeli, Lindbergh;
33 years— Karen Miniaci, Special Education; James Heath, Cubberley; Lori Noyes-O'Leary, Lowell;
32 years— Susan Romito, Wilson; Joseph Sackett, Poly; Donna Potter, Cubberley; Pamela Parkin, Lowell;
31 years— Patricia Grote, Millikan; Bruce Howell, Lindbergh; Lorraine Griego, Nelson; Anita Abutin Rockwell, Avalon; Nancy Clanton, Fremont; Hubert Luchtman, Millikan;
30 years— Edith Bonner, Webster; Pamela Croes, Twain; Barbara Lindholm, Reid; Sallie Stout, Hoover; Carolyn Laitsch, Madison; Barbara Cowan, Powell; Paul Kelso, Poly;
29 years— Margaret Hopkins, CDC; Pamela Oehlman, Poly;
28 years— Connie Doss, Longfellow; Kathleen Cunningham, Carver;
27 years— Catherine Burke, Wilson; Sandra Patton, Lakewood; Karen Harmon, Hoover;
26 years— Teresa Montoya, Cleveland; Lori Clark, Muir; Julie Gunde, Cleveland;
25 years— Toni Glanzman, Edison; Brian Bradshaw, Jordan;
24 years— Linda Johnson, Mann; Sharon Turansky, Renaissance; Patricia Williams, Head Start; Brenda Bullock, Head Start; Loretta Beaulieu, Rogers; Rebecca Agdigos, Head Start; Connie Potter, Grant;
23 years— Elsa Paulina De Castro, Rogers; Norma Siler, Rogers; Elizabeth Burns, Bixby;
22 years— Fern Hollis, Lee; Carol Stern Levine, Cabrillo; Carla Carrarini, Reid;
21 years— Sharon Chavez, Millikan; Cheryl Ferns-Holton, CDC; James Brown, Reid;
20 years— Lynne Nielsen, Wilson; Louise Roberts, Head Start; Janice Wilcox, Lakewood;
19 years— Veronica Hurt, Jordan; Marynelle Evans, Longfellow; Barbara Jewel, Burcham;
18 years— Deborah Harrison, Harte; Elba Nakauchi-Kiely, Harte;
17 years— Christopher Hogan, International; Debra Hays, Grant; Judith Hawley, Lakewood; Carmen Ward, Robinson/Birney;
16 years— Robert Stone, Millikan; Chandra Salaam, Jordan; John Novak, Research;
15 years— Sandra Rivera, Hoover; Arlene Gale, Hughes;
14 years— Julia Gault, Lafayette; Lore Benitez, Jefferson; Maurice Ancharoff, Cabrillo; Susana Montano, Cabrillo; Lynette Talbott, Lindsey/Lindbergh;
13 years— Susan Pescar, Wilson;
12 years— Lily Kvitky, Grant;
11 years— Christine McCrystal, Wilson;
Fifty-four others who served 1,269 years asked that their names not be printed.

Henry Earns National Bilingual School Award

Patrick Henry K-8 School has been named the 2015 Two-Way Bilingual Immersion School of Distinction by the San Jose-based Association of Two-way and Dual Language Education.

This award is a national recognition presented to schools or districts that have been trailblazers in their communities in implementing model two-way bilingual immersion instruction. In Henry's case, such instruction is provided in English and Spanish.

"The Association of Two-Way and Dual Language Education is excited to recognize Patrick Henry School and the great work spanning close to 25 years," said the organization's Executive Director Rosa Molina. "Their unwavering commitment to bilingualism and biliteracy for the students of this school community has served as an example to hundreds of two-way and dual language programs that make up this extensive network of schools in California and throughout the U.S."

"We were so impressed by your school after our visit to your site and fully recognized that award and recognition are long overdue," Molina said. "Your school community and staff have been on the forefront of quality program implementation for close to 25 years! That's truly amazing."

As a result of the success of Henry's program, Molina said, "hundreds of students from this community are flourishing academically and linguistically in two languages. Over the years, Henry's program has continuously improved and examined its practices to ensure bilingualism and biliteracy for both native speakers and English speakers in their community."

In the past five years, eighth graders from Henry have entered their high schools having taken the Spanish Language Advanced

Placement test with an impressive 80 percent passing rate or higher.

These students are achieving high levels of literacy in both languages, and they are culturally proficient in the use and understanding of the language, placing them on a college-going pathway upon entering high school, Molina said.

Last February, the Long Beach Unified School District Board of Education approved the re-use of the former Keller Elementary School site to offer dual immersion instruction in English and Spanish for grades 6 to 8 starting this fall. This middle grades program is moving from nearby Henry, which will return to its original K-5 configuration and will continue offering its elementary dual immersion program.

The reconfiguration allows the school district to expand the sought after dual immersion program in Henry's elementary grades by devoting a separate, entire site to the middle grades dual immersion program, which is projected to grow beyond its capacity at Henry. The aim is to accommodate a high level of parent demand for dual immersion in both the elementary and middle grades. Keller is located about a mile from Henry in East Long Beach.

"We are also proud to celebrate the formation of your new two-way bilingual immersion middle school in 2015-16 for students who will now be able to complete their biliteracy pathway on a much broader scale," Molina said.

Henry will accept the School of Distinction honor at an awards luncheon in Palm Springs on June 30.

Henry and its teachers have earned multiple state and national honors, including California Association for Bilingual Education Teacher of the Year honors and a Champions of Change award from the White House.



Firefighters Mentor Middle Schoolers

A Long Beach Fire Department mentorship program that serves at-risk seventh and eighth graders graduated its first class of twelve students recently.

The Rockett Academy, named after Long Beach fire engineer Darren Rockett, is a year-long program in which students visit various fire stations weekly for mentorship and guidance from firefighters.

Rockett, who was fatally injured in the line of duty in 2011, had worked for more than a decade to place at-risk youth in mentorship situations.

The academy was formed with the help of the Los Angeles District Attorney's Office, City Prosecutor Doug Haubert and the Long

Board Meeting Rescheduled

The Board of Education has moved its Tuesday, June 16 meeting to Thursday, June 18.

The meeting will be held at 5 p.m. in the usual location, 1515 Hughes Way, Long Beach.

The agenda will be posted on June 15.

Beach Unified School District.

"Each of these students has worked hard and learned a lot this year," said Long Beach Fire Chief Mike DuRee. "I'm proud of the students for completing this program, and I'm proud of the firefighters who have helped mentor these kids, often donating their own time and money to make this inaugural program a success."

All of the program's graduates maintained a required GPA or improved upon it, and a total of one discipline infraction occurred throughout the school year, down from 14 total infractions in the previous year for the group of students.

"At their graduation, it was evident how much students have been impacted," said LBUSD Director of Student Support Services Erin Simon. "The effect of it was palpable."

This year's group of 12 is expected to nearly double next year, with additional excursions to events like Clippers and Dodgers games.

"The school district is profoundly pleased with the level of support demonstrated by the Long Beach Fire Department," Simon said. "Local firefighters were able to help students build school and community connectedness while encouraging academic achievement."

NORTH LONG BEACH

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HIGH SCHOOL
GRADUATES

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LONG BEACH
CONGRATULATES



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ALATORRE**

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TOLEDO**

WHOLE VILLAGE

JORDAN SCHOLARS – Jordan High School graduates were recognized at a celebration last week where street banners emblazoned with the students' names and the colleges that they will attend were affixed to light poles near the school. The blue and gold banners, complete with the Jordan panther emblem, honor nearly 150 students who are going on to universities or the armed forces. The ceremony was part of the North Long Beach Whole Village Initiative that began last fall. Two of the originators of Whole Village, Long Beach Unified School District Board of Education Member Megan Kerr and Ninth District Long Beach City Councilman Rex Richardson, were on hand with other school and city officials. Whole Village includes various task forces working to help youth succeed. A College Readiness Task Force created workshops for students and parents to help with college applications. The task force also suggested that students should be honored publicly for reaching their goals.

State Business Group Lauds 21 Schools

Twenty-one schools in the Long Beach Unified School District are listed on the Campaign for Business and Education Excellence Honor Roll for academic excellence and reducing achievement gaps among student populations.

"The American education system has a

Names in the News

The CTE (Career and Technical Education) Online blog featured the work of three CAMS teachers who developed a classroom unit on DNA and genetic mutation. The unit structure and materials were created by teachers

Armando Gonzalez, Kathleen O'Neill and Susan Carle. See the May 14 entry at cteonlineblog.blogspot.com.

Millikan PEACE Academy sophomore **Anais Rocha** will participate in the Intensive Law and Trial program this summer at Stanford University's Law School. The program provides high-achieving high school students an interactive experience exploring the field of law, introducing them to the many law careers available. To pay for tuition, which ranges from \$3,000 to \$5,000, the student raised funds throughout the year by selling snacks at after school events and securing donations.

Hudson K-8 School students **Jade Lumada, Cohan Manzon and Alexa Habacon** won first place at the statewide MESA competition (Math, Engineering, Science Achievement) in Stockton recently. The team of students, recognized for their prosthetic arm project, will compete with other middle grades students at the National Engineering Design Competition on June 17 to 20 in Ogden, Utah. The students' advisor is teacher **Anastasia Hubbard**.

Several local students have qualified for the NAACP's national ACT-SO competition to be held in Philadelphia July 8 to 12. ACT-SO stands for Afro-Academic Cultural, Technological and Scientific Olympics and is a youth initiative of the NAACP. Team members include Poly students **Krystal Ball, Neyah Barbee and Faith Matovu**; and Millikan students **Holly Dorielle and Prince Mays**. The students are competing in various categories including short story and essay, painting and poetry, instrumental classical music, vocal contemporary music and oratory. The students need to raise \$5,000 more to make the trip. Tax-deductible contributions may be submitted to the Long Beach Branch NAACP ACT-SO Program at 5318 E. 2nd St. #409, Long Beach, CA 90803. For more information, call 856-7586 or e-mail mnaacp@gmail.com. Funds are needed by June 20.

Birney Elementary School teacher **Deborah Kearn** won the Woman of Excellence Award (educator category) from the Women's Business Council of the Long Beach Area Chamber of Commerce.

City Councilman **Al Austin** recently honored retired LBUSD principal **Don Hopkins** with a certificate in appreciation of his volunteer efforts at Lindbergh STEM Academy. Hopkins has helped to lead a group of Lindbergh retirees in recent years and has been conducting a geography club for students at the school. Hopkins attended Lindbergh Junior High School in from 1941 to 1943 and graduated from Jordan High School in 1946. He recalls being on the campus at Lindbergh when Pearl Harbor was attacked.

secret. Many schools are doing well. The honor roll proves it. Students are achieving at higher levels than anyone admits, and more students than ever are succeeding when given the opportunity," said Jim Lanich, CBEE president. "All schools, no matter what zip code they are in, can achieve this kind of success, and leadership from the business community is critical to ensuring success for all students."

The annual honor roll was released last week and consists of three parts, the first being "Star Schools," or those with significant populations of disadvantaged students who have shown high achievement. Making this list was the California Academy of Mathematics and Science, along with Bancroft, Bixby, Bryant, Cleveland, Gompers, Henry, Hughes, Kettering, Longfellow, Los Cerritos, Madison, Stanford, Tincher, Twain and Webster schools.

The second tier of recognition is "Scholar Schools," or those that show significant levels of academic achievement without a significant population of disadvantaged students. That list includes LBUSD's Gant, Lowell, Naples, Newcomb and Rogers schools.

The business group recognized a subset of the honor roll that has both high percentages of low-income students and high levels of math and science achievement. Among these schools was CAMS.

This year's honor roll included 1,851 schools in California. Learn more at cbee.org.

National Honors for McBride Radio Team

A McBride High School Amateur Radio Emergency Communications team recently took first place in a national radio competition for the state of California and placed third for the nation. Team members are Isabel Guzman, Joseph Searing, Brandon Cramer, Antoinange Monaus, Wyatt Law and Corbin Moore. The students are among 16 who participate in the AREC club. Co-advisors are Devon Day and John Jacobson.

In just one year, team member Isabel Guzman passed her technician and general tests. She is legally approved to work most amateur voice frequencies.

Radio teams from McBride and Wilson Classical High School will join more than 1,000 teams in Canada and the United States on June 27 to 28 for a 24-hour competition. The Field Day will take place locally at Recreation Park in Long Beach.

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Millikan Artists Help Homeless Children

Millikan High School art students helped to raise more than \$18,000 recently for Precious Lamb, a preschool for children facing homelessness.

Precious Lamb's second annual art gala featured portrait artwork by Millikan students. The portrait subjects were homeless children ranging from ages two to five at Precious Lamb. A sold-out crowd of about 250 gathered for the gala at the Liberty Art Gallery in downtown Long Beach.

In their second year of partnering with the preschool, Millikan art teachers, led by department chairs Roberta Patterson and Kathy Charvat, incorporated photographs and biographies of the Precious Lamb students into their class curriculum of portraiture study through several mediums. In all, 137 high school students channeled the emotions and stories of the preschoolers into telling, memorable images. Many of the Millikan students grew attached to their subject and plan to volunteer with Precious Lamb this summer.

The gala raised more than \$18,000 through ticket and art sales, a silent auction, a Jet Blue ticket raffle and pledges.

Summer Lunches

Each year, the Long Beach Unified School District's Nutrition Services Branch provides free, wholesome lunches at selected schools as part of its Summer Food Service Program. The program is open to all children ages 2 to 18.

Find lunch locations, dates and more information under Summer Food Program in the A-Z index at lbschools.net.



SPECIAL DELIVERY – Roosevelt Elementary School Principal Clarissa Tolentino and Team 100 President Tom Bennett speak with students before delivering bags of groceries to prevent weekend hunger among school children. Team 100 is a group of 100 men who have raised money for the Volunteer Center's Food for Kids program, which delivers food to students at high-need schools on Fridays. The two groups work with the nonprofit Food Finders, which coordinates with food vendors, grocery stores, restaurants and caterers to distribute donated food.