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INSPIRING STUDENT – Cabrillo High School student Anthony Moguel was one of the honorees at the recent Most Inspiring Students Awards. Joining him were members of the Cal State Long Beach women's volleyball team, who helped to present the awards. One student from each school was honored for persisting and improving, often despite tough obstacles. The keynote speaker was pioneering basketball coach George Raveling, who will be inducted into the Naismith Memorial Basketball Hall of Fame in September. Also speaking at the event was former LBUSD Board of Education President Bobbie Smith. Earning the Superintendent's Community Service Award at the annual dinner were Matthew and Roberta Jenkins, who were recognized for exemplary support of K-12 and higher education. View more photos at lbschools.net.

Graduations Slated For 6,000 Students

The Long Beach Unified School District will award diplomas to about 6,000 students at 12 ceremonies from June 10 to 18.

The estimated number of graduates at each school are: 1,106 at Poly High School and Poly Academy of Achievers; 927 at Millikan High School; 890 at Lakewood High School; 872 at Wilson Classical High School; 780 at Jordan High School/Jordan Plus; 600 at

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Lakewood Custodian is Employee of Year

DeWayne Hundley, a custodian at Lakewood High School, has earned the Classified Employee of the Year Award from the Long Beach Unified School District. The award was announced during a recent celebration in honor of classified employees.

"Thank you, everybody. I've never won anything like this before," said Hundley, who has worked for the school district for 19 years, all at Lakewood. "It feels wonderful. I really appreciate it."

Nominated for the honor by Lakewood teacher Michelle Malchiodi, Hundley is described as a positive person who doesn't complain and does much more than his job. He also serves as a mentor to many students, especially students with special needs.

"DeWayne is a person many of our students can look to for guidance and help," stated Malchiodi in the custodian's nomination form. "He teaches and demonstrates exceptional social skills, manners and behavior that young adults will need to be part of the work force."

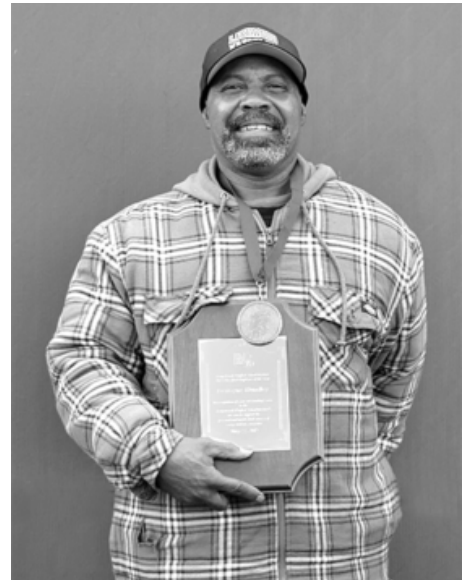
Hundley also is known for being friendly and reliable.

"DeWayne is the go-to guy on our campus for just about anything," Malchiodi said. "His friendly manner makes him easily approach-

able for anything, from fixing a student's broken glasses to walking a new student to their next class to helping fix our broken pool."

A total of 29 nominations submitted for the Classified Employee of the Year Award were narrowed down to six finalists, including Hundley. Nomination papers were submitted by colleagues and reviewed by a committee of classified employees. The winner and finalists also will be honored at the June 2 Board of Education meeting.

The other five finalists were Chett Davidson, locksmith; Sylvia Flegal, office supervisor at MacArthur; Alex Hernandez, intermediate office assistant at Willard; Richard Hoover, choral accompanist at Lakewood; and Joselito Leonor, plant supervisor at Lakewood.



EMPLOYEE OF THE YEAR – DeWayne Hundley, a custodian who has worked at Lakewood High School for 19 years, earned the Classified Employee of the Year Award.

Board OKs 5% Raise For CSEA Members

The Long Beach Unified School District Board of Education has unanimously approved a contract agreement with the local chapter of the California School Employees Association, providing CSEA members the same 5 percent salary increase retroactive to July 1 and the same health benefit package that was provided to Teachers Association of Long Beach members and to non-represented employees earlier this year.

CSEA Unit A and Unit B members ratified the proposal with 100 percent approval.

Retroactive checks are scheduled to be issued in June.

Tucker Honored for Teaching Tolerance

The Southern Poverty Law Center's Teaching Tolerance program has named the Tucker Adult Transition Program as a Mix It Up Model School for its exemplary efforts to nurture respect and understanding among its students.

Tucker Transition is a post-high-school program for students ages 18 to 22 who have special needs. The school is among 104 schools nationwide to receive the honor.

"We are delighted to recognize the Tucker Adult Transition Program," said Teaching Tolerance Director Maureen Costello. "Mix It

Up Model Schools have found innovative ways to create school environments where respect and inclusiveness are core values. They all serve as great examples of how a school – any school – can cultivate these values among their students, faculty and staff."

The Teaching Tolerance program has promoted Mix It Up at Lunch Day for the past 14 years to help students understand the importance of respecting each other's differences.

Mix It Up at Lunch Day is a simple call to action. By asking students to move out of their

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PRIDE PARADE – Willard Elementary School Principal Cassandra Richards was a grand marshal at the Long Beach Pride Parade. She was honored for building bridges between the gay and straight communities.

Photo by Justin Rudd

Names in the News

Willard Elementary School Principal **Cassandra Richards** received the Whitey Littlefield Community Bridge Building Award from the nonprofit LBLGP. She was recognized for building bridges between the gay and straight communities. LBLGP, which is located only blocks from Willard, has paid for field trips and provided other support to the school, while Willard staff have contributed to LBLGP's annual toy drive. Richards, who was featured in a May 15 article at gazettes.com, was honored as one of 10 grand marshals at the recent Long Beach Pride Parade.

California Academy of Mathematics and Science student **Celeste Goodwin** won the May 8 National History Day State Finals, and for the second year in a row she will represent California at the national competition in Bethesda, Maryland. This year's nationals are scheduled for June 14 to 18.

The Council for Exceptional Children Chapter 108 recently honored 13 recipients of the Hats Off Award. The award is presented to people who support students with special needs. The recipients were **Daniel Argyen**, owner of John's Hamburgers; **Mike Hutton**, owner of Dave's Other Place; **Randy Bowden**, drama teacher at Wilson; **Dana Brown**, math teacher at Lakewood; **Brian Dokko**, vocal music teacher at Poly; **Lauree Gollner**, physical education teacher at Hill; **Ronald Harmon**, art and music teacher at Marshall; **Nicole Reyes**, English teacher at Bancroft; **Sonia Jimenez**, counselor at McKinley; **Kate Komatz**, counselor at Los Cerritos; **Ken Owens**, counselor at Garfield; **Victor Fluckers**, guidance specialist with the Child Development Center; and **Angela Rivers**, executive secretary at LBUSD's Office of School Support Services.

Avalon K-12 School alum **Christopher Padilla** is featured in the Cal State Long Beach Daily 49er as the first to graduate from CSULB under the Long Beach College Promise, a partnership with LBUSD, Long Beach City College, the university and the city designed to help local students prepare for and succeed in college. Find the article at daily49er.com.

Record Number of Business Partners

Schools in the Long Beach Unified School District have formed 171 more business partnerships this year, bringing the total to a record high of 1,287 new and ongoing partnerships.

The Association of Long Beach Educational Managers has donated plaques for schools to present to their new business partners in the coming weeks.

Dates to Remember

June	
2	9:00, 9:30, 10:00, 11:30, 12:00, 12:30, 1:00, 2:00; 4 - 9:30, 10:00, 11:30, 12:00, 12:30; 5 - 10:00, 11:30, 12:00, 12:30 - "Adventures in Poetry III," Grades 3-6, ed.tv 8
3	8:00, 10:15, 11:30, 1:00, 2:00 - "Independence Day(s)," Grades K-3, ed.tv 8
5	World Environment Day
12	Anne Frank's Birthday
14	Race Unity Day
14	Flag Day
17	Last Day of School Year—Students
18	Last Day of School Year—Teachers
21	Fathers Day
21	First Day of Summer
27	Helen Keller's Birthday

• Tucker Earns Honor as Model School

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comfort zones and connect with someone new over lunch, the event encourages students to identify, question and cross social boundaries. Many schools plan activities for the entire day, and some use the event to kick off yearlong explorations of social divisions.

The Mix It Up Model Schools met five criteria. They each hosted a Mix it Up at Lunch Day during the 2014-15 school year; they included different members of the school's community – cafeteria staff, aides, administrators, teachers and students – in organizing the event; they followed up with at least two additional Mix It Up-related programs or events on campus; they publicized Mix It Up at Lunch Day or celebrated inclusiveness with posters, announcements and other media; and their event was seen by students and school officials as a success.

In preparation for Mix It Up, students at Tucker learned about diversity with lessons from the Teaching Tolerance website (tolerance.org). Organizers invited participants from the school, district and community, including children and staff from Tucker's Medical Therapy Unit and Community Day Class. In addition to eating lunch together during the event, students and guests received inspirational bracelets, played basketball and handball, and danced to Stevie Wonder, Cat Stevens and the Gipsy Kings.

Tucker Transition also earned the honor in 2012.

The Southern Poverty Law Center, based in Montgomery, Ala., is a nonprofit civil rights organization that combats bigotry and discrimination.

For more information, see splcenter.org and tolerance.org.

• 12 Graduation Ceremonies Scheduled

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Cabrillo High School; 390 at Educational Partnership High School; 161 at California Academy of Mathematics and Science; 65 at Reid Continuation High School; 120 at Renaissance High School for the Arts; 50 at Avalon High School; and 38 at Beach High School. This schedule includes the names of officials who will present diplomas:

Wednesday, June 10

- CAMS, 6 p.m., StubHub (Carson), Board of Education Vice President Felton Williams

Monday, June 15

- Cabrillo, 6 p.m., Veterans Stadium, Board of Education Vice President Felton Williams

Tuesday, June 16

- Jordan/Jordan Plus, 2 p.m., Veterans Stadium, Board of Education Member Megan Kerr

- Reid, 2 p.m., Cabrillo Small Gym, Superintendent Christopher J. Steinhauser

- Poly/PAAL, 7 p.m., Veterans Stadium, Board of Education Vice President Felton Williams

Wednesday, June 17

- Avalon, 4 p.m., Casino Theater, Deputy Superintendent of Education Services Ruth Ashley

- Lakewood, 2 p.m., Veterans Stadium, Board of Education President Diana Craighead

- Renaissance, 3 p.m., Long Beach City College Auditorium, Board of Education

Member John McGinnis

- Wilson, 5:30 p.m., Stephens Field (Wilson Football Stadium), Board of Education Member Jon Meyer and Superintendent Christopher J. Steinhauser

- Millikan, 7 p.m., Veterans Stadium, Board of Education President Diana Craighead

Thursday, June 18

- Beach, 1 p.m., Millikan High School Auditorium, Board of Education Member Jon Meyer

- EPHS, 1 p.m., Lakewood High School Auditorium, Board of Education Member Megan Kerr

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