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Schools, City Partner On Student Safety

The Long Beach Unified School District will partner with the City of Long Beach on two U.S. Department of Justice grants totaling \$529,000 to help prevent youth violence, enhance the safety and health of the community, and further implement the goals of Safe Long Beach, the City's Violence Prevention Plan. The city announced the grant awards this week.

A \$250,000 grant will expand community outreach and local resources to assist families and children affected by violence. Funding will be used to develop a public awareness campaign about the impacts of violence, and coordinate a citywide Family Strengthening Conference for parents, families, caregivers, service providers, social workers and the faith-based community. As part of this grant, expert training will be provided to more than 80 Safe Long Beach partners who offer specialized care and services for children that are victims of abuse or exposed to violence in the home.

A \$279,000 grant will be used to support Long Beach students, improve school attendance and reduce truancy. City staff will work with LBUSD to further implement the "All In" attendance campaign and engage the community in helping to make sure students attend school regularly. As part of this partnership, LBUSD will receive \$100,000 of this grant.

Earlier this year, LBUSD was honored by State Superintendent of Instruction Tom Torlakson as a model of attendance improvement and dropout prevention. The school district plans to build on this success with the help of the latest federal grants.

Torlakson recognized LBUSD's use of data and other strategies to reduce chronic absenteeism. The school district last year reported a significant reduction in the number of chronically absent students, or those who miss more than 10 percent of the school year.

SHOWTIME – The annual Band Spectacular, featuring local high school marching band half-time shows, is set for 7 p.m. Tuesday, Nov. 17 at Cabrillo High School. Here, students from Jordan High School perform at last year's event. Tickets are \$5.



Preparing for High-Demand Medical Careers

About 200 high schoolers are among the first to experience a new program designed to introduce students to the inner workings of a pathology laboratory. Students learn what medical lab professionals do on a daily basis, and they explore the variety of professional careers available in the burgeoning healthcare industry.

As part of the program "What's My Next," the American Society for Clinical Pathology partnered with local schools to bring students to its Oct. 28 to 30 annual meeting at the Long Beach Convention and Entertainment Center. Students took part in interactive experiments, discussions and presentations by lab professionals.

"What's My Next was developed by ASCP as a comprehensive approach to addressing the shortage of qualified laboratory professionals in the healthcare industry," said Dr. E. Blair Holladay, ASCP chief executive officer. "The program is primarily targeted toward science-oriented high school students to expose them to exciting career opportunities in laboratory medicine and pathology and to

showcase the important lifesaving role lab professionals play."

Students also attended a session with annual meeting keynote Barak Goodman, a documentarian who worked with Ken Burns to produce and direct the highly anticipated 2015 PBS documentary series, "Cancer: The Emperor of All Maladies." Goodman shared with students his unique perspective on advancing the practice of medicine and the vital role pathologists and laboratory professionals play in the global fight against cancer.

"By inviting the students to take part in interactive experiments, exposing them to successful medical laboratory professionals and pathologists, and offering them educational exercises to learn about amazing new scientific discoveries, we hope to expand their awareness of the exciting career opportunities that exist in laboratory medicine and pathology," Holladay said.

In advance of attending the annual meeting, students completed the Lab Hero Challenge, an e-learning module on whatsmynext.org that introduced them to the behind-the-scenes lab roles and related work completed to diagnose and inform the treatment path for a breast cancer patient.

To offer the program, ASCP partnered with
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Safety Symposium Dec. 5 at Hamilton

A free Student Safety Symposium, sponsored by the Long Beach Unified School District and other community agencies is scheduled for 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 5 at Hamilton Middle School, 1060 E. 70th St., Long Beach.

The event, designed to educate parents and students in grades 6 to 8, includes workshops, speakers and entertainment. Topics include mental health and the prevention of bullying and human trafficking. Look for this article on the home page at lbschools.net to register.

Musicians Ready For Carnegie Hall

After an award-winning performance in San Francisco, Wilson Classical High School's Symphony Orchestra has been invited to compete nationally at New York's renowned Carnegie Hall in March.

Wilson's musicians earned high honors at last spring's San Francisco Heritage Festival. Leading the group is Michelle Ellis, a product of the Long Beach Unified School District. She first learned violin at Fremont Elementary School, continuing in the music program through Jefferson Junior High, Wilson, Long Beach City College and Cal State Long Beach.
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Band Spectacular

The 31st annual Long Beach Unified School District Band Spectacular takes place 7 p.m. Tuesday, Nov. 17 at the Cabrillo High School stadium. Marching bands from Cabrillo, Jordan, Lakewood, Millikan, Poly and Wilson high schools will present their half-time shows. Also performing throughout the evening will be the Long Beach City College Viking Jazz Band.

Tickets are \$5 and available at the door.

LAB SCIENCE – Tiffany Channer, a medical scientist and career ambassador with the American Society for Clinical Pathology, helps students to explore careers in the healthcare industry. She is one of several industry professionals working with local high school students.



Dates to Remember

December	
1	Beginning of the Montgomery Bus Boycott
1	World AIDS Day
2	Special Education Day
2	9:00, 9:30, 10:00, 11:30, 12:00, 12:30, 1:00, 2:00— "Respecting Others," Grades 6-12, ed.tv 8
3	8:00, 10:15, 11:30, 1:00, 2:00— "Christmas," Grades K-4, ed.tv 8
4	9:30, 10:00, 11:30, 12:00, 12:30— "Hanukkah/Passover," Grades K-4, ed.tv 8
5	10:00, 11:30, 12:00, 12:30— "Food For Fun," Grades K-3, ed.tv 8
6-14	Hanukkah
7	Pearl Harbor Day
9	9:00, 9:30, 10:00, 11:30, 12:00, 12:30, 1:00, 2:00— "Kwanzaa," Grades K-4, ed.tv 8
10	Emily Dickinson's Birthday
10	Human Rights Day
10	8:00, 10:15, 11:30, 1:00, 2:00— "New Year's Day," Grades K-5, ed.tv 8
11	9:30, 10:00, 11:30, 12:00, 12:30— "A Christmas Carol," Grades 4-9, ed.tv 8
12	10:00, 11:30, 12:00, 12:30— "December Holidays," Grades 1-5, ed.tv 8
15	Bill of Rights Day
16	Boston Tea Party Anniversary
16	9:00, 9:30, 10:00, 11:30, 12:00, 12:30, 1:00, 2:00— "Celebrate," Grades K-8, ed.tv 8
17	Wright Brothers Flight Anniversary
17	8:00, 10:15, 11:30, 1:00, 2:00; 18 - 9:30, 10:00, 11:30, 12:00, 12:30— "Adventures in Poetry: Writing Poetry," Grades 3-6, ed.tv 8
19	10:00, 11:30, 12:00, 12:30— "Ebenezer," Grades 4-6, ed.tv 8
21	First Day of Winter
21-Jan. 1	Winter Recess
24-25	Christmas Holiday
25	Christmas Day
25	Clara Barton's Birthday
26-Jan. 1	Kwanzaa

In Memoriam

Charles Hall
former plant supervisor
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Millikan Singer Joins A Legend on Stage

Millikan High School junior Gwendolyn Sierra joined multi-platinum selling, five-time Grammy-nominated entertainer Michael Feinstein for a Frank Sinatra centennial celebration Nov. 6 to 7 at the Segerstrom Concert Hall in Costa Mesa. The young singer was a national finalist in the 2015 Songbook Academy, sponsored by the Great American Songbook Foundation. At Millikan, Sierra is a member of the concert choir, a cappella group, play production class, and improv comedy team. Feinstein created the Songbook Academy in 2007 to encourage young artists who have an interest in the American Songbook, which includes the music of classic Broadway, jazz standards and popular music. Feinstein is considered one of the premier interpreters of American standards, having performed at Carnegie Hall, the Hollywood Bowl, the White House and Buckingham Palace. He joined the Pacific Symphony to open their 2015-16 Pops season with the Sinatra Centennial Celebration.

READY FOR CARNEGIE – Michelle Ellis leads the Wilson Classical High School Symphony Orchestra. The group has earned a spot in a national competition at New York's renowned Carnegie Hall. Students and parents are raising funds for the March 2016 trip.



Wilson Symphony Heading to Carnegie Hall

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She and the Wilson Symphony are the subject of a recent article by the Long Beach Press-Telegram's Rich Archbold. Some students need help paying for the trip, so the Wilson Instrumental Boosters group is raising funds through various activities (learn

Medical Careers

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Switzerland-based Roche, a leader in research-focused healthcare, including pharmaceuticals and diagnostics.

ASCP is a medical professional society with more than 100,000 members including board-certified anatomic and clinical pathologists, pathology residents and fellows, laboratory professionals and students. ASCP provides education, certification and advocacy on behalf of patients, pathologists and laboratory professionals.

Participating high schools included Cabrillo, Jordan, Lakewood, McBride, Poly and the California Academy of Mathematics and Science.

As part of the program, ASCP President Dr. William G. Finn presented CAMS student Brandon Choe with a Third Annual ASCP STEM Student Scholarship Award valued at \$2,500.

Fremont Teacher Honored at UCLA

Krystal Cheek, a fifth grade teacher at Fremont Elementary School, was selected as a statewide Teacher Leadership Award winner for her service to her classroom, local teachers and a California network of history-social science educators. Only eight winners were selected throughout California. She was honored Nov. 6 at UCLA during an awards dinner for the California History-Social Science Project. Cheek has 30 years of K-12 experience. She has worked in the history curriculum office here, as a beginning teacher (BTSA) coach, and coordinator of student teachers. She has also served as a teacher leader for the History Project at Cal State Dominguez Hills for more than 12 years, developing curriculum and conducting professional development.

more at lbwilsonmusic.org).

"Our kids are so excited about this," Ellis told the Press-Telegram. "It will be a once-in-a-lifetime experience for them. These kids have worked so hard to get where they are. They have heart and talent. At San Francisco, they were playing at college level."