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National TV Network Notes Local SAT Prep

The Spanish-language media giant Univision featured local students this week on its national morning show, *Despierta America* (Wake Up America), explaining how the students are taking advantage of free support, including online help from the Khan Academy (khanacademy.org), to prepare for the recently revised SAT college entrance exam.

The news segment, filmed at Millikan High School, includes interviews with students and the College Board's Jose Rios, who is director of multicultural communications.

View the video segment by finding this article at lbschools.net.

Nation's Education Writers Look to L.B.

Two local educators shared their perspectives with education journalists from throughout the nation during a recent seminar sponsored by the Washington, D.C.-based national Education Writers Association.

Among those invited to the speak at the event held at the Sheraton in Los Angeles was Long Beach Unified School District K-5 Math Curriculum Leader Anne Oberjuege. She discussed teaching and testing in the Common
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Tentative Deal with CSEA on 5 Percent Raise

Bargaining teams for the Long Beach Unified School District and Long Beach Chapter 2 of the California School Employees Association have reached a tentative agreement that includes 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.

The tentative agreement is subject to ratification by CSEA's membership and then approval by the Board of Education. CSEA has scheduled their ratification date on Thursday, March 10 in room 1 at the Teacher Resource Center, 1299 E. 32nd St., Signal Hill.

Pending approval, CSEA members could receive retroactive checks as early as May 20.
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Victory with Honor: Wilson's 'Model Coach'

The California Interscholastic Federation recently named Wilson Classical High School's Maggi Twinem among 16 winners of the Model Coach Award.

Now in its 15th year, the statewide award recognizes coaches who are positive role models in their schools and communities, and who pursue victory with honor.

Twinem has coached girls swimming at Wilson for the past 15 years and has taught at the school for 21 years.

"She deeply cares about each student-athlete she coaches, and she nurtures them and stretches them by meeting their individual needs both



Twinem

on and off of the pool deck," a CIF announcement stated. "She promotes dedication to both athletics and academics as her teams continually excel in the classroom as well as in the pool. High school graduation does not end her influence on Wilson swimmers. She travels to watch former student-athletes compete at the next level several times a year as she continues to be a mentor to her former swimmers."

The 16 winners were nominated through their local CIF Section office.

A model coach demonstrates trustworthiness, respect, responsibility, fairness, caring and good citizenship.

"There is more to education-based athletics than just winning and losing," CIF Executive Director Roger L. Blake said. "We honor and recognize those coaches who teach student-athletes the skills needed to excel, and those who are dedicated to teaching them the values of pursuing victory with honor."

J-Plus Students Raise Trafficking Awareness

Students initiated and helped to organize a Human Trafficking Awareness Day recently at Jordan Plus High School in partnership with local law enforcement and other agencies.

The idea for the event began when Long Beach Police Lt. Dan Pratt spoke to the school's Male Academy students, inspiring them to plan a larger schoolwide event.

"The kids stepped up and took some owner-



LEADERS IN TRAINING – Members of the J-Plus Male Academy organized and led a schoolwide event to raise awareness about human trafficking.

ship," said Lionel Gonzalez, site supervisor for the Male Academy at the school. "It just kind of snowballed and really became a community-type event."

Guest speakers visited each second period class. Among the speakers were Long Beach City Prosecutor Doug Haubert and officials from the U.S. Department of Homeland Security, the Los Angeles County Probation Office and the City of Long Beach. A lunchtime information fair included booths offering information on the topic.

"These young men saw an issue. They addressed it. They took action," Teresa Gomez, Human Dignity Program Coordinator for the City of Long Beach, said of the Male Academy students. "Their desire is that other schools will follow in their footsteps. They're amazing young men, and we're all very proud of them. The day was an absolute success."

The mission of the Male Academy is to improve the graduation rate of underrepresented young men and to encourage lifelong learning by preparing them for college and careers.

Also partnering on the project was the YMCA, which created a video chronicling the event. View the video by finding this article at lbschools.net.



FIRST PLACE ARTWORK – Wilson Classical High School student Aunica Cesena earned first place with this untitled piece at the Norman Gottlieb Youth Art Show. **Story on next page.**

Student Orators Earn Prizes at CAAP Event

Students from Holmes, Nelson and McBride schools each won first place in the annual Orators Contest held by the Long Beach Unified School District's Concerned African American Parents group.

The winners in their grade-span categories were fourth grader Brooklyn Morris of Holmes Elementary School, eighth grader Caleb Jackson of Nelson Middle School, and eleventh grader Ajahanae Favors of McBride High School.

View a photo of the winners by finding this article at lbschools.net.

The students researched the contributions of James Weldon Johnson, writer of the Black National Anthem, "Lift Every Voice and Sing." Students also shared how they would use their talents to uplift and make positive changes in their community.

Each winner received a \$100 gift card.

Art Show Winners

Hundreds of students, families and educators attended the Norman Gottlieb Youth Art Show awards reception recently at the Alpert Jewish Community Center in Long Beach.

Student winners at the high school level were: first place, Aunica Cesena of Wilson; second place, Yancy Gamboa of the California Academy of Mathematics and Science; and third place, Jimmy Scoggin of Millikan. Honorable Mention went to Ayla Aquino-Medrano of Renaissance, Jeffrey Rethy Chhim of Cabrillo, Chanmealea Huy of Wilson, Kevin Miranda of Poly, Kevin Sosa of Jordan, and Mariel Urbano of CAMS.

Winners at the middle school level were: first place, Savannah Wilkerson of Bancroft; second place, Andres Orellana of Marshall; and third place, Joshua Ramos of Hughes. Honorable Mention went to Oscar Abundis of Hill, Makayla Cracium of Hoover, Maddie Dempsey of Hughes, Nataly Hernandez of Hoover, Serena Rodriguez of Stanford, and Matthew Walker of Newcomb.

The Board of Directors' Award went to Milan Goldner of Wilson, and Angie Talavera of Marshall.

The Honigman Award for Inspired Visual Arts Education went to art teachers Dominic Szeto of Wilson, and Joyce Thursby of Hughes.

• Education Writers

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Core era.

Soon after Oberjuege's presentation, several education writers were Tweeting her statement, "Parents knew how to help kids with memorization, but kids now must be math thinkers, problem-solvers and communicators," and "teachers want face-to-face training and 'any time, any place' training, such as video."

LBUSD Superintendent Christopher J. Steinhauer joined a College Board official and other experts on a panel titled "Advanced Placement's Role in Readiness." The Chicago Tribune's Diane Rado moderated. Steinhauer detailed LBUSD's successful efforts to help thousands more students take and pass AP courses and exams.

Transfer Requests

Human Resource Services is accepting transfer requests from teachers who wish to change school sites for the 2016-17 school year. Refer to the Teachers Association of Long Beach agreement, Article VIII for guidelines.

Applications are now available and are due May 1. The application can be completed and submitted online via the myLBUSD portal at lbschools.net (go to Employees > myLBUSD). Log in with your Novell username and password. From the applications menu, select My Employee Information, then Certificated Transfers.

Request for Transfer forms are also available at schools and the TALB office, and they can be downloaded and printed from the lbschools.net public website (select Human Resource Services in the A-Z index, then For Current Employees). Computers also are available for use in the HRS lobby.

Teachers may submit requests for transfer whether or not that position appears as a vacancy. Transfer requests are valid through the end of the first seven student days of the following traditional school year. Questions? Call ext. 8658.

Nurse of the Year Nominations Due

The Long Beach School Nurses Association seeks nominations for the School Nurse of the Year for 2015-16. Each year the association recognizes one special nurse for outstanding contributions to the health and wellbeing of Long Beach Unified School District students.

To nominate a school nurse, request a nomination form from Sandra Morgan at SMorgan@lbschools.net. The deadline for submission is Friday, May 6.

Order Wrist Watch

It's time to order Long Beach Unified School District logo watches. Orders and payment will be accepted until Friday, April 8.

Order forms are available at all sites, or contact Jackie Scarborough at Lowell Elementary School, ext. 6625 or jscarborough@lbschools.net. Watches are available in large face (34 mm in diameter) or small face (25 mm) for \$28.25 and will be delivered in late May by the Confidential and Supervising Secretaries Association.

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Classified Summer Job Applications

The classified summer school employment application is now available at lbschools.net. Go to Personnel Commission in the A-Z index and then click on "Summer School Information."

The application, information sheet and Special Education supplemental form are all available online. All forms must be attached together and provided via district mail, U.S. Mail or drop-off at the Personnel Commission, 4400 Ladoga Ave., Lakewood.

All sites and departments received an email with the application and information documents attached for downloading and reproducing for 10-month employees.

Applications must be received by 4:30 p.m. Friday, March 18.

Certificated Summer Job Applications

A limited number of summer school certificated positions will be available in Pre-K to adult special education and in high school general education. Certificated applications for summer positions are available at all schools and business offices. Employees also can download application materials at TeachLongBeach.com under "For Current Employees."

Applications must be submitted to Human Resource Services, Attn: Summer School, by Friday, March 18. Information regarding dates and times of summer school are listed on the application.

Applicants for certificated positions must receive satisfactory evaluations and hold a valid, up-to-date credential for the appropriate level or subject to be taught.

Bargaining unit members who are elected to teach summer school are paid on salary schedule P. Hours taught during summer school will count for supplemental CalSTRS credit.

• CSEA Agreement

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Then the 5 percent increase would be reflected on subsequent paychecks. The 5 percent increase also would apply to career increments (longevity), retroactive to July 1.

When combined with last school year's 5 percent raise and the prior year's 3 percent raise, the tentative agreement if ratified would bring the total salary increase to 13 percent over three years for these employees, with no monthly premium co-payment for health plans.

The agreement with CSEA includes the adoption of the National Formulary pharmacy plan for the Blue Shield PPO effective July 1, 2016 and provides for a school district subsidy for participation in Weight Watchers as part of LBUSD's wellness program.

Other modifications to the CSEA contract involve language about receiving compensation for unused compensatory time, updates to adoption leave, clarifications with evaluation procedures and progressive discipline, technical updates to titles, and revisions to the school district technology guidelines.

The contract would run through Oct. 31, 2018 with annual reopeners on selected articles.