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CHAMPION OF CHANGE – Long Beach City College President Eloy Ortiz Oakley earned a Champion of Change for College Opportunity Award from the White House for his work with the Long Beach Unified School District and others on The Long Beach College Promise initiative, which helps more students to prepare for, and succeed in, college. Here, Oakley speaks at the annual community celebration of The Promise held recently in Long Beach.

National Recognition For College Promise

Long Beach City College President Eloy Ortiz Oakley was honored at the White House recently by the Obama Administration at the “Champions of Change for College Opportunity” event. He was recognized for his leadership on The Long Beach College Promise and his efforts to establish a California College Promise.

Eight years ago, the Long Beach Unified School District, LBCC and California State University, Long Beach committed to The Long Beach College Promise, extending the promise of a college education to every LBUSD student. The City of Long Beach signed onto a renewed and expanded version of The Promise in October 2014. The Promise aims to fulfill the potential of all youth by providing continuous support along every step of the student experience, from pre-K through college and onto career and life. The effort’s significant gains in college readiness and enrollment have attracted the attention of policy makers at the state and national levels.

“I am honored to be recognized by the White House, and I share this with our Long
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Hundreds of Students Earn Biliteracy Seals

More than 800 members of the Class of 2016 in the Long Beach Unified School District earned the State Seal of Biliteracy, which recognizes high school graduates who have attained a high level of proficiency in speaking, reading and writing one or more languages in addition to English.

The newest data show that 876 students earned one or more seals, up from 639 in the previous year.

“Fluency in more than one language has always been an admirable skill, but it’s increasingly becoming one that’s highly sought after by employers,” said State Superintendent of Public Instruction Tom Torlakson. “We encourage and recognize this accomplishment because it enriches students’ lives, allows them to understand other cultures more deeply, and gives them a tool that helps them succeed in 21st century careers and college.”

The California Department of Education recently received an award in Washington, D.C. recognizing the state as the national leader in the Seal of Biliteracy. U.S. Secretary of Education John King presented the award to CDE officials during a national symposium

about multiliteracy and dual-language learning. California representatives also attended a ceremony at the White House. California was the first state to create an official Seal of Biliteracy in 2012.

More than 40,000 California students received the Seal of Biliteracy last school year – the most of any state and four times the number of graduates since the program started. Since 2012, more than 20 other states have adopted the seal.

The Seal of Biliteracy is a gold seal on the transcript or diploma of a graduating senior and is a statement of accomplishment for future employers and for college admissions.

LBUSD’s high school graduates this year earned seals in Spanish, French, Japanese, Chinese, German, American Sign Language, Italian and Khmer. Eleven students here earned seals in two languages.

Local schools and the number of seals earned this year are Avalon (15), Cabrillo (30), California Academy of Mathematics and Science (93), Jordan (93), Lakewood (137), Millikan (111), Poly (192), Renaissance (10) and Wilson (204).

Lawn Signs Celebrate Jordan Scholars

A hundred lawn signs all over North Long Beach are celebrating Jordan High School students who are taking Advanced Placement classes and who earned college credit on AP tests last spring.

When students arrived home from school recently, they were surprised by signs designating them as Advanced Panthers. School staff ventured out to plant the signs in large lawns, in front of neat homes, tiny strips of grass bordering apartments, and next to duplexes. As families realized the signs announced that a serious scholar lives here, the reaction was uniformly positive.

AP Coordinator Sondra McNair embraced the idea when she heard about it from a school in a similar neighborhood in South Chicago.

Jordan’s enrollment in AP classes has

increased significantly in recent years. This year, 41 percent of eleventh and twelfth graders are participating in at least one AP class, up from 16 percent just three years ago.



ADVANCED PANTHERS – Jordan High School senior Maria Lara and about a hundred of her classmates have been recognized with lawn signs for outstanding work in college preparatory courses and on exams.

Employee Email Moves to Outlook

By Monday, Oct. 17 the Long Beach Unified School District will have switched to Outlook to replace the Groupwise email system for employees.

A special Help Desk number, ext. 8401, has been established to help employees who have Outlook questions and issues.

For complete details, view The Cloud Initiative web page at sites.google.com/a/lbschools.net/cloud-initiative/.

STATE SUPT. – California's Superintendent of Public Instruction Tom Torlakson visited students and staff recently at Long Beach's Oropeza Elementary School. The state superintendent has visited local schools on several occasions to recognize excellence and learn about best practices.



Health Department Offers Free Flu Shots

It's not too early to get your flu shot. With confirmed cases of influenza already being reported, the Long Beach Health Department encourages everyone six months and older to receive a flu vaccine every year.

Parents should bring their children's immunization records. Some children may require two doses given one month apart.

October Dates

Oct. 20, 2 to 7 p.m.
Long Beach Health Department
2525 Grand Ave., Long Beach

Oct. 26, 9 a.m. to noon
El Dorado Park Teen Center
2800 Studebaker Road, Long Beach

November Dates

Nov. 7, 9 a.m. to noon
Long Beach Senior Center
1150 4th St., Long Beach

Nov. 9, 9 a.m. to noon
Gold Star Manor
3021 N. Gold Star Drive, Long Beach
(Enter on Spring and Santa Fe)

Nov. 16, 9 a.m. to noon
Scherer Park
4600 Long Beach Blvd., Long Beach
(Enter via 46th Street and Pasadena Avenue)

Nov. 18, 9 a.m. to noon
Bixby Park
130 Cherry Ave., Long Beach

Nov. 21, 9 a.m. to noon
Houghton Park
6301 Myrtle Ave., Long Beach

National Certification

The National Board for Professional Teaching Standards Pre-Candidate Program for 2016-17 is accepting applications. Contact Jennifer Crockett at jcrockett@lbschools.net or ext. 2900 for an application. The deadline to apply is 4:30 p.m. Thursday, Nov. 17. For more information about this certification, see National Board Certification in the A-Z index at lbschools.net.

For appointments at the Main Health Facility, 2525 Grand Ave., call 570-4315. Adults with Medicare Part B or other health coverage are urged to bring insurance cards with them.

Visit longbeach.gov/health for more information.

CalSTRS Seminars

California State Teachers' Retirement System seminars will be offered on three occasions in the coming months at the Administration Building, 1515 Hughes Way, Long Beach. Space is limited.

Seminars are set for Wednesday, Oct. 26 and Wednesday, Dec. 14 from 3:30 to 5:30 p.m., and on Wednesday, Jan. 11 from 4 to 6 p.m. RSVP by Friday, Oct. 21 at 997-8214.

In Memoriam

Dennis Wolfe
former system analyst
Sept. 19, 2016

Dana Burrell
supervisor,
School Safety and Emergency Preparedness
Oct. 1, 2016

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Beach College Promise partners," Oakley said. "Our partners are completely dedicated to the success of The Long Beach College Promise, which is evident by our great results, and we are proud to be a model for other communities."

Among the 11 honorees at the White House event, Oakley was the only recipient from the western United States. Oakley also will take on the role of chancellor of the California Community College system in December and aims to collaborate with California Community Colleges and the public K-12 system to diversify the pool of students applying to the University of California system.

Email, Web Used for Credential Renewal

Educators will receive an email notification from the California Commission on Teacher Credentialing to renew their credential 90 days prior to its expiration. This renewal notice will apply only to credentials that are renewable using the CTC online process. It is important that educators maintain a current email address on file with CTC to be sure they receive these reminders and other correspondence from CTC.

Learn more about updating contact information at ctc.ca.gov/credentials/default.html. Click on Update Personal Information, which is found on a link at the right side of the page.

Questions? Call Human Resource Services at ext. 8204.



HISTOTECHNOLOGY – Students from the Medical Interventions class at the Sato Academy of Mathematics and Science spent the morning conducting lab tests using the latest technology as part of the recent National Society for Histotechnology annual conference in Long Beach. Cabrillo High School students also participated. Here, Sato students Anaya Blade and Frida Aguilar-Trujillo examine tissue samples on microscope slides that they created. Histotechnology involves the detection of tissue abnormalities and the treatment for diseases.