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SPECIAL GUEST – Long Beach Police Chief Robert Luna visits Oropeza Elementary School. He will be a featured guest at this year's Most Inspiring Students Awards.

Inspiring Students Event is May 16

The Long Beach Education Foundation's annual Most Inspiring Students Awards event is scheduled for Thursday, May 16 at the Long Beach Hilton, 701 Ocean Blvd.

This year's event features special guest Robert Luna, chief of the Long Beach Police Department. The chief will join Board of Education members and other educators to honor one exemplary student from each school in the Long Beach Unified School District.

Registration begins at 5 p.m., with the show starting at 5:45 p.m. Tickets are \$115 per person, and checks are payable to Long Beach Education Foundation. RSVPs are due this week. For additional information contact LBEF@lbschools.net.

Bancroft Prevails in Global Video Contest

For the second year in a row, Bancroft Middle School students have won top honors in the global Teens Dream Video Competition.

Teens Dream is a collaborative of teens and adults who want to encourage teens to be change agents in their own lives, their communities and the world. The group, in collaboration with the Smithsonian, encourages youth to express their dreams as they relate to one of the United Nations Sustainable Development Goals. As part of the contest, teens from around the world submit two-minute YouTube videos.

Last year, Bancroft produced two of nine winners. This year, Bancroft fielded three winning entries, all eighth graders, including Madison Agraviador for a video on responsible

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10 High Schools Make U.S. News Rankings

Ten high schools in the Long Beach Unified School District earned rankings on U.S. News and World Report's list of America's Best High Schools. The California Academy of Mathematics and Science topped the LBUSD list, ranking fifth among California schools and 14th nationally among magnet programs.

Also earning their place on the rankings were Avalon, Cabrillo, Jordan, Lakewood, McBride, Renaissance, Millikan, Poly and Wilson schools.

"Congratulations to all of the Long Beach Unified high schools on this year's list. Many of these schools have appeared on the U.S. News rankings in prior years, and we're pleased that they continue to be recognized," LBUSD Superintendent Christopher J. Steinhauser said.

"Our staff works hard in collaboration with parents and many community partners to help more students achieve the dream of a college

education," Steinhauser said. "We thank everyone who contributes to these important efforts."

U.S. News (usnews.com) ranked 17,245 public high schools, out of a review of more than 23,000 in all 50 states and the District of Columbia.

The new rankings are based on a revamped method that weighs six indicators of school quality. The indicators include college readiness based on the proportions of 12th graders who took and passed Advanced Placement and/or International Baccalaureate exams; college curriculum breadth; math and reading proficiency based on state tests, and whether that performance exceeded expectations given the school's proportion of historically underserved students; underserved student performance based on how black, Hispanic and low-income students performed on state assessments compared with those who are not underserved in the state; and four-year graduation rates.

Statewide Group Salutes 43 Schools for Gains

The California Office to Reform Education, or CORE, has recognized 43 schools in the Long Beach Unified School District with Academic Growth Awards. The awards showcase schools making the greatest impact on student achievement in English language arts, math or both subjects.

The 2019 Academic Growth Awards are unique because they recognize acceleration of student achievement by accounting for how much each individual student learns over time, rather than just comparing test scores from year to year, CORE's award announcement stated.

"Growth data plus test results give educators the 'power of two' for measuring improvements in learning outcomes. High academic growth is a reflection of school effectiveness. It shows consistent work among educators to provide extraordinary classroom instruction for the students they serve."

CORE (coredistricts.org) is a consortium of eight school districts including LBUSD. The organization was founded in 2010, when cooperative efforts to implement new academic standards and improve training for teachers and administrators in Long Beach and Fresno grew

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Junior League Lauds Retired Educator May 15

Retired principal Cynthia Terry has earned the Helen D. Newcomb Award from the Junior League of Long Beach. The award is the service club's highest honor.

Terry worked for 38 years with the Long Beach Unified School District at Naples, Harte, Hamilton and Cabrillo schools. She serves on the board of several community organizations such as the Assistance League of Long Beach and Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Inc.

"Cynthia Terry demonstrates a lifelong dedication to the Long Beach community through her career and voluntarism," JLLB President Paula Barrow said. "We are so proud to be able to count her among the many fantastic women volunteers who have helped shape the Junior League of Long Beach's legacy in its nearly 90-year history."

Terry will be recognized at the JLLB's Annual Dinner on Wednesday, May 15. For more information, go to jllb.org.

"This award is way beyond anything I ever

fathomed, and I'm just overwhelmed and so impressed with the previous recipients," Terry said. "I find that those women are so inspiring, and I'm so inspired by them, and to be considered — yet alone selected — is just such an honor."

Terry has been recognized with numerous other awards, including the 2013 Press Telegram Amazing Women Lifetime Achievement Award; the 2016 Assistance League of Long Beach President's Award and the 2017 Make a Difference Award for exemplary leadership and service; the 2018 CCEJ Humanitarian Award; and in 2019, the Long Beach NAACP Passing the Torch of Leadership Award.



Terry

24 Students Receive Promise Scholarships

The Long Beach Unified School District Board of Education recognized 24 local eighth graders this week who have shown academic improvement. The students earned scholarships of \$50 to \$250 as part of The Long Beach College Promise.

LBUSD, Cal State Long Beach and Long Beach City College first committed to The Promise in 2008, extending the promise of a college education to every LBUSD student. The City of Long Beach and its Mayor's Office joined the initiative in 2014. Since its inception, The Promise has served as a model for communities in California and across the nation to develop partnerships centered on student success.

Elements of The Promise include increased access to early childhood education; college tours for fourth and fifth graders; a middle school pledge by students and parents, commit-

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to include other large urban school districts.

The CORE Districts built and maintain a comprehensive school improvement and accountability system that is nationally recognized because it provides educators a clear view of progress by including data on student-level academic growth, high school readiness, students' social-emotional skills and schools' culture-climate, along with traditional measures of test scores, graduation rates and absenteeism. LBUSD provides publicly available CORE data for each of its schools at lbschools.net.

Twelve LBUSD schools were honored for achieving "Three Years of High Impact" growth in English language arts (ELA) and or math: Burbank (ELA and math), Chavez (ELA), Garfield (math), Hudson (ELA), Kettering (math), Madison (math), Muir (ELA and math), Newcomb (ELA), Riley (ELA), Rogers (ELA), Signal Hill (ELA and math), and Washington (math).

Another 31 LBUSD schools were honored for achieving "One Year of High Impact" growth: Bancroft (ELA), Birney (math), Bixby (ELA and math), Smith (math), California Academy of Mathematics and Science (math), Carver (ELA), Cleveland (math), Cubberley (ELA), Franklin (ELA), Hamilton (math), Hoover (ELA), Hughes (ELA and math), Jefferson (ELA and math), Nelson (math), Nieto Herrera (ELA and math), Lafayette (ELA and math), Lincoln (ELA and math), Lindbergh (ELA and math), Longfellow (ELA and math), Los Cerritos (math), Mann (ELA and math), Marshall (math), McKinley (ELA), Powell (ELA), Prisk (ELA and math), Robinson (ELA and math), Roosevelt (math), Sato (math), Stevenson (ELA), Tinchin (ELA and math), and Willard (math).

Statewide, CORE is honoring 253 schools for making three years of high academic growth, where students are making gains faster than similar students. These schools, including LBUSD's 12 honorees, will receive printed awards. CORE also has partnered with the nonprofit advocacy group Education Trust-West to provide online "High Impact Badges" honoring 653 schools that made one or three years of high growth. The badges will be featured at EdEquityNavigator.org, Education Trust-West's new website for parent advocates and educators.

ting to college readiness; free tuition at LBCC; and guaranteed admission to CSULB for qualifying students.

The scholarship amounts of \$50 to \$250 were based upon the middle school pledge completion rate by sixth through eighth graders at each school.

The schools and their winning students are: Avalon, Julissa Padilla; Bancroft, Martin Tapia; Cubberley, Jesus Albarran-Villalobos; Franklin, Honesty Sutton; Gompers, Carly Burns; Hamilton, Analisa Gomez; Hoover, Dayvn Roberts; Hudson, Joshua Ramirez; Hughes, Andy Lopez; Jefferson, Michael Fernandez; Keller, Jordan Caceres; Lindbergh, Audrey Mares; Lindsey, Marcela Martinez; Marshall, Molly Marvin; Muir, Isaias Perez; Nelson, Kalaeh Brown; Newcomb, Ariana Gonzalez; Powell, Kayla Wilson; Robinson, Priscilla Cervantes; Rogers, Geraldine Teran; Stanford, Ava Errecart; Stephens, Cynthia Donato; Tinchin, Ingrid Ruiz-Garcia; and Washington, Yamelet Sandres.

Open Enrollment in May for Benefits, FSA

From May 1 to 31, employees can enroll in, or make changes to, their medical, dental, vision and Flexible Spending Account plans for the 2019-20 plan year. The new plan year starts July 1 and ends June 30, 2020.

For employees who do not make changes, current elections will continue for the 2019-20 plan year, with the exception of the FSA plans. By IRS rules, current FSA enrollment does not carry over to the next year. For those with a current plan year (7/1/18 - 6/30/19) FSA, you have until 9/15/19 to use your available balance, and until 9/28/19 to submit those expenses to WageWorks.

Enroll online at www.lbusdbenefits.com, or call 866-844-9744, option 4, Monday through Friday from 5 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Weight Watchers

Did you know that in 2018 Long Beach Unified School District WW (Weight Watchers) meeting members lost 1,615 pounds? If you didn't take advantage of the free starter kits yet this year, you still have another chance.

The April promotion has been extended for those newly enrolled between April 1 and May 10, and you can redeem your free starter kit by May 24 while supplies last.

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• Video Competition

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food consumption, Jay Fields for a video on equality for the LGBT community, and Jacob Esmane for a video on autism awareness. View videos at teensdreamcolab.org.

The winning students have been invited to an October event in Washington, D.C. Their technology teacher, Kari Milton, is National Board Certified and was honored as a 2017-18 LBUSD and Los Angeles County Teacher of the Year.

Students Excel at UCI Energy Contest

Teams from three Long Beach Unified School District high schools recently placed first, second and third at the University of California, Irvine's annual Energy Invitational.

In preparation for the event, students in classes and clubs build vehicles from the ground up or by modifying existing vehicles using a combination of energy sources.

Cabrillo High School Engineering and Design (CED) students placed first in the design and review presentation contest, while engineering students from Sato Academy of Mathematics and Science placed second, and the California Academy of Mathematics and Science placed third.

UCI works with local high schools and the nonprofit group Vital Link to offer the event, which helps to prepare students for future careers, introducing them to the world of robotics, design engineering and manufacturing, performance engineering, computer programming and more.

Leaves, Resignations

Certificated employees planning to resign, retire or request a leave of absence for the 2019-20 school year should submit the appropriate form to their site administrator as soon as possible.

Resignations and requests for full-year leaves of absence received after June 30, 2019 will not be approved unless the school district is able to hire a suitable replacement. Questions? Contact Kimberly Dalton at ext. 8108 or kdalton@lbschools.net.

According to Article VI, "Compensation," in the Teachers Association of Long Beach contract, "Employees who have served a complete contract year are eligible for district-paid benefits through Sept. 30." Questions about duration of benefits? Contact Risk Management at ext. 8234 or 8236.

In Memoriam

Anne Richie
former teacher
Feb. 20, 2019

Eleanor Mathieson
former teacher
April 13, 2019