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## Berkeley Professor Notes Progress Here

UC Berkeley professor and New York Times contributing writer David Kirp's newest book notes the vast improvements Long Beach schools have made over the past decade in partnership with higher education.

"The headline news comes from Long Beach State, widely known as 'The Beach,' where, incredibly, the graduation rate increased two-and-a-half times, from 26 percent in 1999 to 67 percent in 2017," Kirp wrote in "The College Dropout Scandal," in which he draws a direct line between CSULB's success and The Long Beach College Promise.

When it was kicked off a little more than a decade ago, The Promise initiative started by the Long Beach Unified School District, Long Beach City College and CSULB was designed to ensure the success of students enrolled in  
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**Kirp**

## Cabrillo Closet Offers Students Necessities

Cabrillo High School recently opened the Cabrillo Closet, where students can find free clothing, school supplies, toiletries and more. The items have been donated by staff and community members.

The room on the Cabrillo campus is arranged like a boutique, with clothing and shoe racks where students can shop in privacy.

"The idea is that when you don't have to worry about clothing, when you don't have to worry about hygiene supplies or school supplies or whether or not your shoes have holes in them, the theory is that you're better able to focus in class and you're better able to focus on the academic side of life when the basic essen-

## McBride Teacher Earns International Honor

McBride High School's Laura H. Castillo-Roberts is one of six teachers internationally to earn an Education Innovation Award from a nonprofit group dedicated to teaching about the world's oceans.

Massachusetts-based Bow Seat Ocean Awareness Programs provides classroom resources and other support to help teens connect, create and communicate about the ocean. The organization impacts nearly 15,000 students in 106 countries. Bow Seat launched the inaugural awards to recognize teachers who successfully incorporate Bow Seat programs into their classroom.

Castillo-Roberts' award-winning unit "The Power of the Word" encourages students in her Spanish for Spanish Speakers class to use their bilingualism to promote positive changes in their community. She linked this curricular goal with the objective of Bow Seat's Marine Debris Creative Advocacy Competition.

McBride students wrote bilingual stories about marine debris prevention and read them to local elementary school students. The McBride students then selected their favorite story and developed it into a script for a stage play, ultimately performing it at a community event presented by the local aquarium.

"I believe that the real goal of education is to empower students with knowledge, sensitivity and courage to act, reform and contribute to the world they live in," Castillo-Roberts said. "Sometimes one image, one film or one poem can spark the creative minds of our youth."

The award comes with a grant of \$750.

"We were so impressed by the nominations that we received from around the world from educators committed to inspiring their students to make a difference for our oceans and watersheds," the award announcement stated.

The name Bow Seat is based upon a 2011 documentary "From the Bow Seat" that founder Linda Cabot and her daughters created regarding environmental issues impacting the Gulf of Maine. Learn more at [bowseat.org](http://bowseat.org).



**Castillo-Roberts**

## Parent University's Live Stream is a Hit

Topics ranging from high school readiness, to classroom technology, student health, safety and more will be discussed during Long Beach Unified School District Parent University sessions continuing in October and November.

Sessions will be held at Poly High School, 1600 Atlantic Ave., Long Beach, and at Browning High School, 2180 Obispo Ave., Long Beach. The Poly sessions will stream live on YouTube. The first live-streamed session attracted about 1,500 viewers this month. View schedules of upcoming sessions under PARENTS > Parent University at [lbschools.net](http://lbschools.net).

## Arts Council Awards

The Arts Council for Long Beach will honor an Emerson Parkside Academy parent and the Rumba Foundation for their support of the arts in schools. The recognition is part of the Arts Council's annual State of the Arts event scheduled for Friday, Oct. 11 from 6 to 9 p.m. at the Scottish Rite Event Center, 855 Elm Ave., Long Beach.

Emerson parent Stephannie Reizuch, third-year volunteer chair of Emerson's art program, will receive the Incite/Insight Award, and the Rumba Foundation will receive the James H. Ackerman Award for their dedication to expanding access to the arts for local students in grades K-12.

Learn more at [artslb.org](http://artslb.org).

**CABRILLO CLOSET** – Cabrillo High School student Claire Ng Lam discusses how the new Cabrillo Closet provides students clothing, school supplies, toiletries and other necessities. [View video at lbschools.net](http://lbschools.net).



## Marine Band Concert Sells Out at Poly High

The concert is sold out, but for those who don't have tickets, there's still a chance to get in.

A performance by the United States Marine Band, scheduled for 7:30 p.m. Thursday, Oct. 24 at Poly High School's Andrew Osman Performing Arts Center, sold out within one day of free tickets becoming available. The band was founded by an act of Congress in 1798 and is America's oldest continuously active professional musical organization.

Officials from "The President's Own" U.S.

## Career/College Night At CSULB on Oct. 30

The Long Beach Unified School District's 48th Annual Career/College Exploration Night, hosted by Cal State Long Beach, takes place 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. Wednesday, Oct. 30 at the CSULB Pyramid.

Meet with representatives from colleges and universities throughout the nation, trade and apprenticeship organizations, public agencies and nonprofits, technical and trade schools, and military recruiters.

The event is open to all students (and their parents) in grades 9 to 12.

The Pyramid is located on Atherton Street between Bellflower Boulevard and Palo Verde Avenue. Free parking is available in Lots G8, G9 and G11.

## Disposal Event for Expired Medications

Long Beach Memorial Medical Center will host a Take Back Pharmacy Event from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 26 at 2801 Atlantic Ave., Long Beach.

Expired pharmaceutical drugs can be abused by youth and older adults, and the substances may harm waterways if not properly disposed. The drive-through, drop-off event is provided in partnership with the Long Beach Police Department and the Los Angeles County Drug Enforcement Agency.

Enter Memorial Medical Center Drive off Atlantic Avenue and look for drop-off location signs.

### In Memoriam

**Kay Whitman**  
teacher, Stanford  
Aug. 24, 2019

**Jessica Arban**  
instructional aide special, Rogers  
Aug. 25, 2019

**Tim Koenig**  
former electrician  
Aug. 30, 2019

**Freda Wynn**  
former instructional aide special  
Aug. 31, 2019

Marine Band remind ticket holders that while all tickets have been distributed for this concert, the tickets are valid until 7:15 p.m. that evening. At that time, a standby line will be admitted on a first-come, first-served basis to fill all remaining seats.

The program for the evening includes selections such as Henry Mancini's "Great Waldo Pepper March," John Williams' "Star Wars: Galaxy's Edge," and John Philip Sousa's "The Stars and Stripes Forever."

"The Marine Band is one of the most prestigious bands in the U.S.," Poly Principal Bill Salas said. "Hosting the group is a fantastic honor."

## College Ready Event At Library on Oct. 19

The Billie Jean King Main Library in Long Beach will host a free College Readiness Fair from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 19.

California State University and University of California application assistance will be provided. Bi-hourly presentations include: 10 a.m., Getting in to Your College of Choice; 12 noon, The Application Process; and 2 p.m., Succeeding as a First Generation College Student.

The main library is located at 200 W. Broadway. Parking is available in the structure on Broadway and Chestnut Avenue. With library validation, the parking is free for the first 30 minutes and is \$1.75 for two hours. Maximum parking cost is \$10.

## • Berkeley Professor

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preschool through Ph.D., and to revitalize the city's well-being and economic outlook. Since then, the nationally recognized initiative has been copied elsewhere, and the city as well as its public education institutions are seeing significant improvements.

The university has turned into a go-to school. With nearly 100,000 applicants, the seventh-highest number nationwide, "it could admit a class composed entirely of students with 24-karat credentials" from far beyond Long Beach, Kirp wrote. Instead, CSULB has remained committed to accepting local students, "and those students are likelier to graduate than their classmates from outside the region."

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## Green Summit at Hughes on Nov. 16

Long Beach schools are going green. Teachers, support staff, administrators and parents who would like to assist with recycling and other sustainability efforts are invited to the Green Summit at Hughes Middle School from 9 a.m. to noon on Saturday, Nov. 16. The school is at 3846 California Ave., Long Beach.

School district, city and local non-profit representatives will provide information on campus sustainability. Learn about the latest recycling changes and how to get started at your school with sorting and recovering food, cans, bottles, paper and more. The aim is for each school to have a green site coordinator.

A stipend rate is available for teachers/staff attending the summit (register in myPD for either the classified employee or certificated employee section of Course 9160). Parents can RSVP at [lbschools.net/green](http://lbschools.net/green).

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## What Others Say

### Decades of Support

The City of Long Beach's Main Library recently was named after tennis legend and Poly High School alumna **Billie Jean King**. She said the honor was on par with receiving the Medal of Freedom from President Barack Obama, and she referenced her remarks after receiving the medal:

"As President Obama placed the Medal around my neck, I thought about the people of Long Beach," she told the Washington Post after the 2009 ceremony. "From my school friends, to the teachers and the local school system, to the men and women of the Long Beach Tennis Patrons and the Long Beach Century Club, there are so many who have been supportive of me and our family for more than six decades. I share this wonderful honor with the people of Long Beach."

### Innovative Models

"Fortunately, some California communities, notably Long Beach, are focusing increasingly on skills education. Well-developed linkages between schools such as California State University Long Beach, Long Beach public schools and Long Beach City College with companies such as Virgin Orbit and Toyota, provide a uniquely aligned cradle-to-career learning environment," write **Chapman University Distinguished Fellow Joel Kotkin** and doctoral student **Doug Havard** in a recent, widely published commentary article. Kotkin is the Roger Hobbs Distinguished Fellow in Urban Studies at Chapman. Havard is a Ph.D. student at Chapman's Attallah College of Educational Studies.

"The Long Beach Education Partnership, a coalition of leaders between the three local educational institutions and industries, was developed in the early 1990s to stimulate economic growth and build regional skills capacity," the co-authors continued. "Through initiatives such as the Maritime Center of Excellence and the Center for Community and Industry Partnerships at Long Beach City College, the coalition continues to build innovative models for skills-based education aligned to in-demand industry jobs."