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Poly High Strikes New Grammy Gold

The music program at Poly High School has been recognized by the Grammy Foundation as one of the top seven in the U.S. While the televised Grammy Awards recognize excellence in professional recording, the Grammy Signature Schools Award honors the best high school music programs in the nation.

Based on a rigorous scoring system applied by top music educators and professionals, Poly won the high honor. Poly will receive up to \$7,000 to benefit talented student musicians.

All public high schools in the U.S. have the opportunity to apply for consideration as a Grammy Signature School. Schools must submit written applications, recordings of school concerts, sample concert programs, music curriculum and repertoire which are reviewed by an independent screening committee of education professionals.

Poly is one of only seven high schools in the U.S. to receive the highest Gold rating this year. This is Poly's second Gold rating by the Grammy Foundation. The school first struck Grammy gold in 2000 when it was then named among the top 10 high schools in the U.S.

Each year, the screening committee selects up to 100 outstanding high school music programs as Grammy Signature Schools before refining the field to name a handful of top Gold winners. Poly, a consistent high performer, has achieved Signature School status for each of the past five years. It is nationally known for both its jazz and classical music excellence and has also been a participant in the Monterey Jazz Festival.

Teachers of the Year

Do you know an exemplary teacher? The Los Angeles County Office of Education is sponsoring the Year 2004-05 Los Angeles County Teachers of the Year program.

From applications submitted to the district in July, three Long Beach Unified School District teachers of the year will be selected. Their applications will be forwarded to the county. Teachers selected by the county will compete for California Teacher of the Year and possibly National Teacher of the Year.

Eligible for Teacher of the Year nomination by the Superintendent's Office are pre-K through grade 12 teachers, library media teachers who teach with classroom teachers, adult school teachers who use the same curriculum as K-12 teachers, and instructors with administrative responsibilities if teaching is their primary responsibility.

An information meeting for potential nominees will be held Monday, April 26, Room 4 at the Teacher Resource Center from 4 to 5 p.m. Teachers will receive the application forms and timeline at this meeting. To reserve a place, call Fran Pfeiffer at ext. 2901.

Wooden to Honor Most Inspiring Students

Legendary UCLA coach John Wooden and Los Angeles newscaster Frank Mottek will join 700 guests Thursday, April 22 at the Long Beach Hilton to honor 96 deserving students--the most inspiring student from each school in the Long Beach Unified School District.

The Wizard of Westwood, a renowned character builder and bestselling author at age 93, will be the keynote speaker at the Eighth Annual Long Beach Education Foundation



Wooden

Most Inspiring Student Awards Dinner. Wooden's unmatched record of collegiate basketball triumphs, winning 10 NCAA championships, four full undefeated seasons and 88 consecutive game victories at UCLA, makes him by far the greatest college basketball coach of all time and arguably the finest coach in the history of sports. Considering himself a teacher first and foremost, he has taught thousands of young pupils and players his Pyramid of Success. He recently wrote a new children's book entitled *Inch and Miles* that conveys his deep personal commitment to character building.

The theme for this year's event is "The Lion King." Millikan High School students will open with "Can You Feel the Love Tonight?" and perform selections from the popular musical that tell of overcoming challenges to achieve greatness.

A student from every school in the district will be honored for inspiring others by beating the odds. Each of the students' heartwarming stories exemplifies one of the cornerstones of Wooden's pyramid, including hard work, friendship, loyalty, cooperation and enthusiasm.

"These students are real heroes," said Mike Murray, president of the Long Beach Education Foundation's Board of Directors. Joining Murray at the mike will be Frank Mottek, award-winning newscaster for KNX Radio and KTLA, Channel 5, who will serve as master of ceremonies. Costumed members of the Lion King cast will welcome and honor each inspiring student from all elementary, middle and high schools in the Long Beach Unified School District.

The Long Beach Chamber of Commerce will receive the Superintendent of Schools Community Service Award at the event.

Ticket reservations may be made with the Long Beach Education Foundation at 997-8111. The donation is \$100. A private recep-

tion with Coach Wooden will be held for table sponsors at 4 p.m. Dinner check-in is at 5 p.m. with dinner at 6 p.m. The event is expected to be sold out.

"John Wooden's memorable sayings are quoted often by thousands of teachers and coaches today," said Murray. "He makes you want to be a better person."

Here are some of Wooden's words of wisdom:

- "Do not let what you cannot do interfere with what you can do."
- "Things turn out best for the people who make the best of the way things turn out."
- "Ability may get you to the top, but it takes character to keep you there."

Wooden first learned to play basketball in 1918 when he was eight years old--only 27 years after the invention of basketball. With a pair of his mother's stockings stuffed with rags as a ball, he would shoot at a wooden tomato basket.

Top Science Projects Displayed at Cabrillo

More than 1,200 excited young science students from 60 schools will display their schools' best science projects at the 9th annual district-wide Science Fair on Saturday, April 24, 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. at Cabrillo High School.

What makes the fair so meaningful for the students is the reviewing process. The review is a learning experience for students, allowing them to share their work, receive positive feedback, and answer questions about their projects. This simple validation and encouragement from a respected adult in the community provides a boost to these students that they remember for many years.

Reviewers are needed. To volunteer, contact the Science Office at ext. 2964.

Administrative Jobs

Although very few administrative openings are expected this year, applications are being accepted to establish eligibility lists for the following positions:

- Administrative (requires a valid Administrative Credential)--high school co-principal, middle school principal, assistant principal (middle school and high school), elementary principal and elementary vice principal.
- Leadership (Administrative Credential not required)--program specialist, activities specialist (high school and high school) and administrative assistant.

The deadline to apply is Tuesday, April 27, by 4 p.m. Applications are available at all schools and district offices or can be downloaded from the Human Resource Services website at teach.lbusd.k12.ca.us. For information, contact Diana Navarro at ext. 8257.

Jefferson on CNN

A new federal proposal to relax restrictions on single-sex public schools and classrooms has sparked renewed national interest in the Jefferson Leadership Academies. The school made international headlines five years ago for converting to single-gender classes. Since the recent announcement by the U.S. Department of Education, Jefferson has received phone calls from national news media, including CNN. The CNN story aired recently. It included interviews with Jefferson students, teachers and principal Helen Compton-Harris.

New federal regulations would make it much easier to establish single-sex schools. They would change the way the government enforces Title IX of the 1972 education act, which prohibits sex discrimination in federally funded programs. Only a few dozen public schools in the nation offer same-sex classes. Single-gender classes have been shown to reduce distractions and boost achievement for both boys and girls.

Jefferson in 1999 became the nation's first public middle school to convert entirely to single gender classes. The school has regularly met or exceeded the state's Academic Performance Index targets for growth. Most recently, the school doubled the state's academic growth target. Jefferson's successful approach to single-gender instruction is considered to be in full compliance with Title IX because both boys and girls at the school are offered equal educational opportunities.

Raytheon Parking

Parking changes effective April 1 will affect Long Beach Unified School District employees and visitors who park in leased Raytheon parking lot spaces west of the Administration Building:

- Courtesy warning citations for parking in unauthorized spaces, speeding or other violations will no longer be issued.

- A violator's vehicle will be subject to immediate towing. If a vehicle is towed away, the driver should contact A&A Towing at 3204 Cherry Ave., Long Beach, 989-2375.

- A driver of a towed vehicle is prohibited from parking in the Raytheon lot.

Raytheon monitors its property for safe driving and parking. School district employees and guests may park only in marked LBUSD spaces.

Hi-Hill Cabin Posts

Hi-Hill Outdoor School is currently accepting applications for cabin counselor for 2004-05. Applicants must be high school seniors or older. They must enjoy mountain hiking in all kinds of weather, work with fifth graders, be positive role models and get along well with others. Weekday room and board are provided plus round-trip transportation each week. The salary is approximately \$1,500 a month.

An AmeriCorps award of \$2,362 is available to cabin counselors considering careers in teaching and successfully completing the year of service and training at Hi-Hill. This award may be applied to past student loans or future college tuition.

Applications are available at high school career centers and the Hi-Hill Office. Deadline to apply is Friday, April 30. For information, call 496-3775.

The Job Board

- Hudson School is accepting applications for its accelerated learning programs at the middle school level in the humanities core (English/history) for the upcoming school year. To arrange an interview, contact Wendy Claflin, principal, at ext. 7957.

- Powell Academy is seeking math and reading coaches who have strong content knowledge and great people skills. These are full-time positions. If interested, contact Sparkle Peterson, principal, at ext. 2807.

- Emerson Charter School is seeking applications for an assistant director position. Candidates must hold a valid teaching and administrative credential, have previous teaching experience and experience working with budget and finance. Resumes may be sent to Emerson, attention Cindy Young. Deadline for applications is Friday, April 30. For information, call ext. 4615.

- Emerson Charter School is also accepting applications for open teaching positions, grade levels to be determined. Resumes may be sent to Emerson, attention Cindy Young.

- The Office of Special Education's Career Education/Work Experience program is now accepting applications for teacher/job developer. For information and application, contact Leslie Gilpin at 422-6868 ext. 222 or email lgilpin@lbusd.k12.ca.us. The deadline to apply is Friday, April 30.

Dates to Remember

April	Keep America Beautiful Month Mathematics Education Month Labor History Week
1-7	Daylight Saving Time Day
6	California Poppy Day
6-7	Passover--First Days
7	8:00, 10:15, 11:30, 1:00, 2:00-- "Arbor Day/Earth Day," Grades K-3, ed.tv 8
9	10:00, 11:30, 12:00, 12:30--"No Time To Waste!" (Environmental Conservation), Grades 4-12, ed.tv 8
11	Easter Sunday
12-13	Passover--Concluding Days
12-16	Spring Recess
13-15	Cambodian New Year
14	Pan American Day
18	Holocaust Remembrance Day
18-24	Administrative Professionals Week
18-24	National Library Week
18-24	National Student Leadership Week
18-24	Public School Volunteer Week
19-25	National TV-Turnoff Week
21	John Muir Day
21	Administrative Professionals Day
22	Earth Day USA
22	Take Our Daughters to Work Day
23	10:00, 11:30, 12:00, 12:30-- "School Bus Safety," Grades 3-5, ed.tv 8
24	LBUSD Science Fair--Cabrillo HS
27	10:00, 11:30, 12:00, 12:30; 29 - 10:00, 11:30, 12:00, 12:30 -- "Adventures in Poetry II," Grades 3-6, ed.tv 8

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Lakewood Musical

The timeless Broadway musical "The Sound of Music" comes to life in the Lakewood High School Auditorium, 7 p.m. on April 30, May 1, 7 and 8. The April 30 and May 1 shows will be interpreted for the deaf and hard of hearing. Tickets are \$8.50 for general admission and \$6 for seniors, children and pre-sale. For information, call ext. 3400.

Counselors Apply

To fill future openings for school counselors, Human Resource Services is developing a pool of quality candidates. Interested employees should submit letters of interest and a resumes to HRS, Attn: Heather Bigelow, by Friday, April 23. Applicants must have a California Pupil Personnel Services credential. For information, call ext. 8691.

Job Opportunities

Applications are now being accepted at the Personnel Commission, 999 Atlantic Ave., third floor, for grounds equipment operator II, Kids Club supervisor I, II or III and painter.

Names in the News

Outstanding Volunteers In Public Schools for April are **Marivic Hokanson**, Twain; **Kenneth and Sandra McKivett**, Hoover; **Linda Long**, Los Cerritos; **Morelia Lovati**, Jefferson; **America Nieto**, Burroughs; **Juanita Parks**, Butler; and **Lyne Schockner**, Hughes.

Retirement Events

Honoree	Date	Contact
Carol Gross	May 1	Cindy Young ext. 4615
Ken Mendonca	May 14	Donald Beaver (626) 792-3469
Judy Bohlen	May 16	Judy Bohlen (714) 827-3913
Lenora Dugas	May 27	Harriet Boyer Cindy Schiavo ext. 3510

Summer Enrichment

Long Beach School for Adults is sponsoring a fee-based Summer Enrichment Program for students in grades 1-8 at Tincher Preparatory School.

A brochure and registration form are online at lbusd.k12.ca.us/lbsa/sep. To request copies by mail, call 218-0493 ext. 228.

In Memoriam

Nida Collins
former teacher
March 19, 2004

Anita Patterson
childcare worker, Muir CDC
March 16, 2004