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## Chavez, District Called 'Beacon for the Nation'

Cesar Chavez Elementary School has earned another statewide award for its efficient, environmentally friendly design. Before an audience of students, staff and leaders from the state, county and community, Chavez was honored for meeting the Collaborative for High Performance Schools sustainable design criteria which protect the environment.

"Long Beach Unified School District truly is a beacon for urban school districts throughout the nation," said Darline Robles, superintendent of schools, Los Angeles County. "It really is great to have this facility exemplify good health and good practice."



**EXCELLENCE BY DESIGN**—For its efficient and environmentally responsible features, Cesar Chavez Elementary School was honored by the Collaborative for High Performance Schools. Superintendent Chris Steinhauser and Principal Susan Rivard accepted the award recognizing the school's design.

## CAMS Wows Pros In Robotics Competition

At a recent robotics competition, California Academy of Math and Science students earned the highest score among high schools and beat five of 10 teams fielded by Northrup Grumman engineers.

The competition, called the "Half-Pipe Hustle," determined which team could best control its robot by maneuvering it on a sloped playing field to pick up the most balls and place them in a basket.

The first place Northrup Grumman team donated their prizes – iPod Shuffles – to the winning high school team from CAMS.

Opened in 2004 as downtown Long Beach's newest school, Chavez has now received eight awards for outstanding design and energy efficiency from construction experts and regulatory agencies. The latest honor recognizes expert integration of energy efficiency.

California's State Architect David Thorman praised the district and its planners for Chavez's innovative and cost-saving design.

"It's a real accomplishment, and it shows leadership," Thorman said, noting that the school's design saves water and electricity. "This school district is a leader in this direction. You are on the right track. You've done a job well, and I congratulate you," Thorman said.

The non-profit Collaborative for High Performance Schools was established in 2002 in response to California's energy crisis. It is composed of the major state agencies involved with building public schools, including public utilities, designers and school facility planners.

Chavez earned the award for surpassing state energy efficiency requirements by more than 34 percent. Reductions in annual energy consumption at Chavez save nearly \$30,000 compared to minimally compliant buildings.

The K-5 school, built in close cooperation with the City of Long Beach, includes an onsite health clinic and joint-use gymnasium.

A partnership with adjacent Cesar Chavez Park allows public use of the school's gymnasium on weekends and after school on weekdays, in exchange for sectioning off a portion of the park as a playground during school hours.

At Chavez, storm water diverted from roofs, roads and parking lots is filtered before  
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## Art Show Winners

The annual Norman Gottlieb Youth Art Show, which concludes today, includes exemplary award-winning work from some of the Long Beach Unified School District's most talented middle and high school artists. The exhibit at the Alpert Jewish Community Center honors winners of one of the few juried art shows available to local students.

This year's winners at the high school level are: first place, Kristina Walowski, Wilson; second place, Tianjing Bu, Millikan; and third place, Mitchell Hubbard, Millikan. High school honorable mention awards went to Armando Abrego, Renaissance; Dustin Lara, Cabrillo; Abraham Mendoza, Wilson; and Juliean Nguyen, Millikan.

This year's middle school award winners are: first place, Jenna Hagen, Rogers; second place, Leonard Bejosano, Stephens; and third place, Elizabeth Cajas, Stanford. Middle school honorable mention awards went to Sanika Lim, Rogers; Joana Muriel, Stephens; Sophanny Sam, Hughes; and Demi Tavarez, Bancroft.

## Ten Schools Up For Top State Award

Ten elementary and K-8 schools in the Long Beach Unified School District are finalists for the prestigious California Distinguished School Award. Teams of educators will now visit the schools before determining whether the finalists will receive the top award.

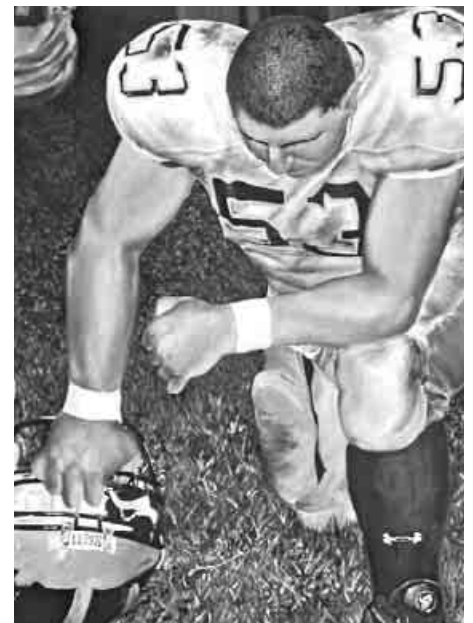
Buffum, Edison, International, Muir, Prisk and Twain elementary schools qualified as finalists, along with Hudson, Newcomb, Robinson and Tincher K-8 schools. Validation visits will be held March 6 to 31.

Carver, Gant and Gompers elementary schools received Honorable Mention awards.

To earn the California Distinguished School Award, schools compete in rigorous selection and screening conducted by the California Department of Education. Winning schools may apply for the National Blue Ribbon Award.

The winning schools must demonstrate high academic expectations for all students, achievement above state standards, strong leadership, competent and caring teachers focused on standards, and outstanding curriculum.

Statewide winners also must show exemplary family involvement and partnerships with the business community, comprehensive guidance and counseling services, ample support for students with a wide range of needs, and a safe learning environment that promotes  
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**STRONG WORK**—Millikan student Steven Garcia's acrylic painting was one of many on display at the Norman Gottlieb Art Show, a juried art exhibit for middle and high school students.

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being discharged into the storm drain systems. Other areas are sloped to channel storm water into planted areas. Drought tolerant landscaping and efficient irrigation reduce outdoor water consumption by 100,000 gallons per year compared to standard buildings.

Recycled materials were used throughout the school, which features post-consumer recycled ceiling tiles, toilet partitions, gypsum wallboard, aluminum window frames, curtain wall systems and rubberized playground. Builders also used materials that emitted fewer chemicals in ceiling tiles, wall insulation, flooring, wallboards and wall coverings.

Lighting systems at Chavez make efficient use of dimming devices, daylight sensors and occupancy sensors, while a highly efficient heating and cooling system reduces costs even further.

## Transition Fair

The Special Education Vocational Advisory Committee's Transition Fair will be held in the Millikan High School library Friday, March 24, 6 to 8 p.m. for Special Education students ages 14-21, parents, teachers and administrators.

It will feature information about vocational education opportunities at the high schools, post-high school options such as the Adult Community Transition Program, employment support, assisted living, recreation, adult day programs, local community colleges and transportation.

## Transfer Requests

Teachers interested in a transfer for the 2006-07 school year must submit a transfer form on or before Friday, March 31. A list of vacancies will be posted at all school sites, the TALB Office, HRS Office and at [www.lbusd.k12.ca.us](http://www.lbusd.k12.ca.us) under Human Resource Services no later than March 15.

Requests for transfer are valid through the first seven student days of the following traditional school year. For information about transfers, call ext. 8257.

## Summer Reminder

Summer School employment applications are available for interested classified employees. Applications have been sent to all sites and are also available to download from the district web site at [www.lbusd.k12.ca.us](http://www.lbusd.k12.ca.us) under the Personnel Commission.

Return completed applications to Personnel Commission, Summer Applicant Desk, 999 Atlantic Ave, 3rd floor, Long Beach 90813.

The deadline to apply for summer school employment is Friday, March 17 by 4:30 p.m.

## Coffee With Chris

The next Long Beach Unified Family Committee meeting will be held 4:30 to 6:30 p.m. Tuesday, March 14 in the Jordan High School Library. The informal meetings encourage open dialogue between employees and Superintendent Chris Steinhauser. All interested employees are invited to attend.

## 5,800 VIPS Contribute \$14.8 Million Annually

Thirty-seven years ago, the first dozen Volunteers in Public Schools (VIPS) began assisting children and teachers in two Long Beach Schools. Today 5,865 dedicated volunteers serve in local schools without receiving a penny. This month, each volunteer is receiving a certificate of appreciation at their school "for dedicated service and continuing personal commitment to our students and schools."

Volunteers' contributions have huge value. Based on average volunteer service of four hours a week during the school year, VIPS contribute 844,560 hours per year. At the national volunteer service rate of \$17.55 per hour, this past year they gave more than \$14.8 million in free assistance to our students and schools.

During these lean times for public education, their work is especially important and contributes directly to student success.

Honored by the VIPS board as Outstanding Volunteers in Public Schools for January were **Roberta Baumann**, Rogers; **Gloria Fleming**, Riley; **Janatte Ibarra**, Burroughs; **Leigh Latimer**, Hill; **Sean** and **Rebecca McMullen**, Fremont; **Lucia Ortega**, Henry; **Amy Prager**, Gompers; **Evangelina Sanchez**, Edison; and **James Walton**, Holmes.

Honored in February were **Alma Anguiano**, Hamilton; **Sherry Brown**, Harte; **Shelly Mendez**, Newcomb; **Maria Quintero**, Lindbergh; **Michelle Vaughan**, Bryant; **Brad Ward**, Hughes; and **Maria Zarate**, Lee.

Being honored as outstanding volunteers this month are **Jackie Deak**, Chavez; **Laree Pernick**, Jordan; **Roshann Statum**, Stephens; **Brad Ward**, Hughes; and **Maria Zarate**, Lee.

## ALBEM Salutes 101 New School Partners

The Association of Long Beach Educational Managers honored 101 new business partners recently for their contributions to local schools. ALBEM welcomed each of the new education partners with plaques during the annual Partnership Recognition Breakfast at the Long Beach Marriott Hotel.

The additional businesses bring the total number of school partnerships in the Long Beach Unified School District to 1,082. Securing the most partnerships this year was Franklin Middle School with 15 new educational partners.

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citizenship, caring, fairness, respect, responsibility and trustworthiness.

Hill Classical Middle School, Hughes Middle School and Wilson Classical High School were all named California Distinguished Schools last year.

Five of this year's nominees are expected to be repeat winners: Hudson, International, Newcomb, Prisk and Twain.

A total of 30 Long Beach Unified School District schools have already received this top state honor: Avalon, Cubberley, Hudson and Newcomb schools, Polytechnic and Wilson high schools, California Academy of Mathematics and Science, Hill, Hughes, Rogers and Stanford middle schools and Alvarado, Barton, Cleveland, Fremont, Gant, International, Keller, Kettering, Longfellow, Los Cerritos, Lowell, Madison, Naples, Prisk, Roosevelt, Signal Hill, Stevenson, Tucker and Twain elementary schools.

## Leadership Positions

Although few openings are expected, applications are being accepted for administrative and leadership positions for the 2006-07 school year.

Positions requiring an Administrative Credential are high school co-principal, middle school principal, assistant principal (middle, high school), elementary school principal and elementary school vice principal. Positions for which an Administrative Credential is not required are program specialist, high school activities specialist and administrative assistant.

Application materials can be downloaded at [TeachLongBeach.com](http://TeachLongBeach.com) and are available at all sites. For information, contact Diana Oliva at [doliva@lbusd.k12.ca.us](mailto:doliva@lbusd.k12.ca.us) or ext. 8257. Deadline to apply is Friday, April 14.

## Dance Concert

The annual All-District Dance Concert will be held this year at Lakewood High School Friday, March 24, at 7 p.m. The concert showcases top dancers from each of the Long Beach high schools.

Tickets are available through the dance departments on each campus for \$6, or for \$8 at the door.

## Nurse Nominations

The Long Beach School Nurse Association is seeking nominations for School Nurse of the Year for 2005-06. The award recognizes contributions to the health and well being of students.

Request a nomination form from Barbara Wallace at ext. 5615. Deadline is Friday, March 31.

## The Job Board

Applications are now being accepted at the Personnel Commission, 999 Atlantic Ave., for credential services specialist, plumber, school safety/security specialist and school community worker-bilingual Spanish.