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Smithsonian Trio Shares Film, Wheels, Dance

More than 3,000 students from elementary school to the university level will experience powerful lessons from visiting scholars during Smithsonian Week, March 5-11.

This year's theme is "On The Move." Smithsonian scholars and a performing group will share their expertise in car culture, film and dance.

- Max Alvarez is a film historian, curator and lecturer who has worked as a film critic and entertainment journalist. Most recently he served as film coordinator at the National Museum of Women in the Arts in Washington, D.C., where he curated more than 100 film programs on the achievements of women filmmakers internationally. He has presented seminars on iconic film figures, from renowned directors to legendary screen actors, as well as seminars on film genres and themes, including film noir, Hollywood musicals, horror, censorship, set design and the origins of the Hollywood studio system.



Alvarez

At school assemblies, Alvarez will guide students to view video clips and learn about the history of animation and how it has changed over time. Students will also explore the role of music in filmmaking from its inception and a brief history of musical theater.

- William Withuhn has served as curator in the Department of Transportation at the National Museum of American History since 1983. Most recently he opened "America on the Move," a permanent exhibition on transportation history from 1876 to 2000, which now comprises the largest gallery at the National Museum of American History. He has also authored and co-edited two books, *Rails Across America: A History of Railroads in North America* (1993) and *The Spirit of Steam* (1995), a book of essays and historic photographs that has sold more than 200,000 copies to date.



Withuhn

Through assembly lectures and demonstrations, Withuhn will help students explore the changing role of the car in relation to music, values, freedom and individual expression. Students will reflect on Los Angeles as a modern transportation city in a global world.

- The third Smithsonian feature this year is a performing arts troupe. Footworks Percussive Dance Ensemble has been entertaining audiences around the world with performances of percussive dance and traditional music. The

troupe's performances feature clogging from Southern Appalachia, stepdances from Ireland, England, and Canada, and hamboning, hoofin' and early jazz tap of the American South.

Students will participate in interactive demonstrations from Footworks in traditional music and dance. In addition to performers who are proficient in many traditional styles of dance, Footworks features musicians who play fiddle, banjo, bass, mandolin and guitar. A favorite of the national and international festival circuit, the company has performed at colleges and universities through the U.S. as well as in such venerated venues as the Kennedy Center, Lincoln Center and the Glasgow Royal Concert Hall.

In addition to the scholar school visits, the week includes free community events. The school activities are offered at no charge to the Long Beach Unified School District. Schools are eligible to apply to host a visiting scholar each year.

LBUSD schools participating this year are Bryant, Buffum, Cleveland, Henry, Hill, Keller, Lakewood, Los Cerritos, Madison, Millikan, Monroe, Poly, Renaissance, Tincer and Twain.



Journeys by great writers

SOMETHING TO TALK ABOUT—March 12-18 will be the fifth annual Book Week in Long Beach. Anyone with a connection to Long Beach is encouraged to read *My California: Journeys by Great Writers*. Community events that week will offer readers opportunities to explore their thoughts about the book with the authors and other readers. For more information, see the Long Beach Reads One Book link at the Long Beach Public Library Foundation's website, lbplfoundation.org.

CSULB Offers First Education Doctorate

California State University, Long Beach announced this week that it will be one of the first campuses in the CSU system to offer the independent doctorate of education degree. Until Governor Schwarzenegger signed SB 724 in September, state universities were only able to offer joint doctoral degrees in cooperation with private universities or the University of California.

"This is a historic day for our university and for the CSU," said CSULB President F. King Alexander. "Today our public universities must address the increasing societal demands for high quality and affordable advanced graduate education. We are excited to be able to collaborate with our public school superintendents and community college presidents to develop a doctoral program that will address these important educational needs."

"This is the best news from Cal State since Presidential Scholars," said Chris Steinhauer, superintendent of schools. "Dr. Alexander and the CSU system are taking the university to a higher level. This major development directly benefits our schools and students. CSULB has an excellent record of success to build upon. Producing the best-prepared school leaders is

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Lindbergh Teacher Wins History Award

J.P. Alegria, an American history teacher at Lindbergh Middle School, received the Daughters of the American Revolution (DAR) "Outstanding Teacher of American History" award from DAR District XIII at its recent annual American History Luncheon.

The award-winning eighth grade teacher has been teaching at Lindbergh since 1989. He challenges his students to enjoy history by using technology and a variety of teaching strategies. He incorporates music, dance, art and games to engage and entertain students as they learn American history.

Alegria uses field trips to universities, museums and other such places help to broaden the experiences of Lindbergh students. The students in Alegria's classes are involved in various community activities, working closely with the Boys and Girls Club of Long Beach.

Besides teaching five periods of American history daily, Alegria coaches baseball and basketball.



Alegria

• CSULB Doctorate

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only a logical extension of producing the best-prepared teachers."

Long Beach Unified School District hopes to recruit the brightest and best of the new Long Beach doctoral candidates.

Demand for doctoral training for administrative leaders for K-12 schools and higher education leaders has far exceeded the state's ability to provide it. California has fallen significantly behind the rest of the nation in awarding education doctorates, with one Ed.D. awarded for every 14,700 students in this state, compared to one for every 9,400 students nationwide.

CSULB will offer the Ed.D. for about one-fifth the average cost of earning it through most private institutions. The new doctoral program will begin in fall 2007.

Charitable Campaign

The Brotherhood Crusade and United Way districtwide charitable giving campaigns will run March 1-24. Campaign materials will be delivered to all sites the week of February 27. Donations benefit those in need of assistance in our local areas. To learn more about these organizations, contact Alonzo Neal at Brotherhood Crusade (323) 846-1649, aneal@brotherhoodcrusade.org; or Nancy Landa at United Way (213) 630-2316, nlanda@unitedwayla.org.

Newspaper Class

A Newspaper In Education workshop will be held Saturday, March 11, 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. at the Press-Telegram, 604 Pine Ave. It includes continental breakfast, lunch, a tour, hands-on activities and teaching materials. The class may be taken for one unit of credit (\$114) by completing eight hours of classroom application or for non-credit (\$49). For information call Gayle Knapp at 499-1445.

The Job Board

• Letters of interest are now being accepted for the position of music curriculum leader. This 50 percent teacher on special assignment and 50 percent teaching at a school site position will begin with the start of the 2006-07 year. Applicants should send a letter of interest and resume to Christine Dominguez, Assistant Superintendent, Curriculum, Instruction and Professional Development, no later than Wednesday, March 8. Call ext. 8025.

• Head Start is seeking two Head Start education specialists. One specialist, funded from a First Five of LA grant, will oversee implementation of early literacy/kindergarten readiness curricula and help to recruit children for the Reading Readiness program, which involves some Saturday work. The other specialist will supervise and evaluate teaching staff and assist with overall program operations at six centers. For information about either job, contact Karen Brinkman at ext. 8042.

• Applications are now being accepted at the Personnel Commission, 999 Atlantic Ave., for contract manager, research office technician, school data technician and senior research office technician.

Nominate Principals For National Honor

Do you know a principal who is an outstanding citizen in your community? To help that principal's school earn \$5,000, you can nominate that person for the MetLife Foundation Ambassadors in Education Award.

The award recognizes middle school and high school principals who are strengthening their schools and surrounding communities. Students, parents, educators and community members are encouraged to nominate a principal who is making an impact beyond their school to improve the community.

Fay Tracy, a teacher at Newcomb Academy, earned the MetLife award in 2005.

The deadline for submitting nominations is March 15. For information about the award, visit www.ncl.org/metlife/index.html.

Teach This Summer

Applications for certificated summer positions will be available at all school sites and business offices beginning today, February 24. All applications are to be returned to Human Resource Services, Attn: Summer School, by Friday, March 17.

Summer session for elementary grades is June 21-July 21; middle school is June 26-July 27 (M-Th); and high school is June 26-July 28.

Elementary applicants should consider teaching at the same grade level, as summer sessions will be utilizing Open Court materials.

Applications for School for Adults should be submitted directly to School for Adults. Applications for ROP should be submitted to the ROP office.

Applicants for certificated positions must receive satisfactory evaluations and hold a valid, up-to-date credential for the appropriate level or subject to be taught.

Hours taught during summer school will count for STRS credit.

Cinderella at Center

Long Beach Renaissance High School for the Arts is presenting the happily-ever-after musical fable "Cinderella," Friday, March 17, and Saturday, March 18, at the Long Beach Performing Arts Center's Center Theatre, 300 E. Ocean Blvd., at 7 p.m. Tickets are available at ticket master or at the Performing Arts Center box office.

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Educator Enrichment

Long Beach Unified School District teachers are invited to increase their science teaching power by participating in the 14th annual Educator Enrichment Day on Saturday, March 11, 7:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. at California State Polytechnic University Pomona

Workshops will show how to engage students in intriguing science, math, technology and engineering concepts. Teacher strategies and activities modeled throughout the day are correlated to California Assessment Standard objectives.

Participants will receive a certificate of professional development and can earn one university unit.

To register online, go to www.team-science.com.

Teach in Yokkaichi

An information meeting for teachers interested in teaching in Long Beach's sister city, Yokkaichi, Japan for one year beginning in August, will be held 4 p.m. Monday, March 6 in the Community Room of the LBUSD Administration Building, 1515 Hughes Way. Applications will be available at this meeting as well as representatives from the Long Beach Yokkaichi committee to answer questions.

Job Share Deadline

Job share applications must be submitted to Judy Marshall in Human Resource Services by Wednesday, March 1.

Dates to Remember

March

American Red Cross Month
Music in Our Schools Month
National Middle Level Education Month
National Nutrition Month
Women's History Month
Youth Art Month

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| 1 | Korean Independence Movement Day
8:00, 10:15, 11:30, 1:00, 2:00— "Women's History Month," Grades K-3, ed.tv 8 |
| 1-April 15 | Lent |
| 2 | NEA's Read Across America
10:00, 11:30, 12:00, 12:30— "School Bus and the Exceptional Child," Grades K-12, ed.tv 8 |
| 3 | Adoption of U.S. National Anthem
10:00, 11:30, 12:00, 12:30— "Charles Russell: His Personal West" (Art), Grades K-5, ed.tv 8 |
| 5 | Black American Day |
| 6-10 | Newspaper in Education Week |
| 7 | Conservation, Bird and Arbor Day |
| 8 | International Women's Day
10:00, 11:30, 12:00, 12:30— "The American Parade: We the Women," Grades 9-12, ed.tv 8 |
| 8 | 8:00, 10:15, 11:30, 1:00, 2:00— "Helen Keller," Grades 3-8, ed.tv 8 |
| 9 | 10:00, 11:30, 12:00, 12:30— "Reading Rainbow: Once There Was a Tree," Grades 1-5, ed.tv 8 |
| 10 | 10:00, 11:30, 12:00, 12:30— "One Fine Day" and "Take the Power" (Women's History Month), Grades 3-12, ed.tv 8 |
| 14 | 10:00, 11:30, 12:00, 12:30— "The Struggle for Women's Rights" (Susan B. Anthony's Birthday), Grades 9-12, ed.tv 8 |
| 15 | 8:00, 10:15, 11:30, 1:00, 2:00— "Benjamin Franklin," Grades 2-8, ed.tv 8 |
| 16 | Absolutely Incredible Kid Day |
| 16 | 10:00, 11:30, 12:00, 12:30— "School Bus and the Exceptional Child," Grades K-12, ed.tv 8 |
| 17 | 10:00, 11:30, 12:00, 12:30— "Indian Artists of the Southwest," Grades 6-8, ed.tv 8 |
| 21 | 10:00, 11:30, 12:00, 12:30— "Ask For It" (Drug Education), Grades 1-2, ed.tv 8 |
| 22 | 8:00, 10:15, 11:30, 1:00, 2:00; 23 - 10:00, 11:30, 12:00, 12:30— "Adventures in Poetry I," Grades 3-6, ed.tv 8 |
| 24 | 10:00, 11:30, 12:00, 12:30— "School Bus Safety," Grades 3-5, ed.tv 8 |
| 28 | 10:00, 11:30, 12:00, 12:30— "Cesar Chavez," Grades 6-12, ed.tv 8 |
| 31 | Cesar Chavez Day |