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## These Teachers Served Almost 2,600 Years

A total of 95 teachers and other certificated employees are wrapping up their careers this year. Together they have amassed 2,584 years of service to the students of the Long Beach Unified School District.

Retirees include Judy Wade, a Lindbergh Middle School physical education teacher who spent all 42 of her years with the district at the same school.

"I have always loved it," said Wade, who started at Lindbergh in 1964.

"There is something magical about being here and working with the teachers and the kids," she said. "In my heart, I feel I wound up in the best school district ever."



Wade

Other retirees and their years of service are:  
40 years—Quentin Wood, Lakewood;  
39 years—Carolyn Barr, Burcham; Sally

Otterson, Madison;  
38 years—Dolores J. Reynolds, Birney; Richard Jones, Wilson; Jaqueline Gonzalez, Lowell; Bettejane Wagner, Lakewood;

37 years—Susan Polentz, Reid; Nancy Saunders, Grant; Gail Brooks, Stanford; Frances Greanias, Naples; Gertrude Bagg, Bixby;

36 years—Susan Blough, Sutter; Linda F. Davis, Burcham; Bonita Watt, Cubberley; Pamela Jones, MacArthur; Mary Shrom, Longfellow; David Sweet, DeMille; Paula Wiertzema, Prisk;

34 years—Helen Stringer, Stevenson; Myrtle Jones, Butler; Mary Caiazza, Hudson; Ronald Leftwich, Carver;

33 years—Margaret Betz, Monroe; William Hedberg, DeMille; Diana Jarrett, Longfellow; Lucy Lin, Lowell; Cathleen Ohlund, Newcomb;

32 years—Claudia Morrett, Newcomb; LaNedra Munson, Barton; Johnetta Fleming, Cabrillo;

31 years—Norma Matthews, Addams; Donna Dominguez, CDC; Carolyn Williams, EPHS; Michael Regan, DeMille;

29 years—Elaine Krueger, Kettering; Dennis King, Reid; Phyllis Totri, Hughes;

28 years—Gloria Collins, Jordan; Donna Kelly, Prisk; Sharon McMillan, Jordan;

27 years—Helen Covington, CDC;  
25 years—Martha DelRe, Los Cerritos;

## Stellar Science Fair

The Long Beach Unified School District's Annual Science Fair is now the third largest in the nation and second largest in the state. Held recently at Cabrillo High School, the fair included more than 1,300 student participants from 64 schools, grades K-12.

Janet Kaufman, Bixby; Shenett Coco, Edison;

24 years—Beulah Dumagan, Burroughs;

23 years—Judith Guess, Washington;

22 years—Bach-Mai Larsen, Burnett;

20 years—D. Lynne Marsh, Riley; Marsha

Reidy, Cleveland; Gwen Gibson, Millikan;

19 years—Evelyn Sims, Garfield; Claudia Thompson, Longfellow;

18 years—Marshall Ramirez, Lakewood;

Suzanne MacVicar, Hamilton; Kay Tortorice, Poly;

17 years—Noreen Kerr, Edison; Susan

Halliburton, Millikan; Kathryn Smith, ROP;

Julia Pippa, Madison;

15 years—Lidia Salinas, Head Start;

14 years—Barbara Morgan, Keller;

Deborah Griffin, Alvarado;

13 years—Mary Hunt, Cleveland; Georgia Klinkers, Monroe;

12 years—Rosann Monaghan, Poly;

11 years—Karen Breul, Barton;

Twenty-seven others who served 660 years asked that their names not be printed.

## Retiring Classified Devoted 141 Decades

Retiring this year from schools, offices and key support services are 68 Long Beach Unified School District classified employees with a total of 1,414 years of service:

37 years—Dolores Solorzano, Elementary Office;

33 years—James Kuhn, Operations;

30 years—Catalino Galindo, Monroe; Betty

Stewart, Jordan;

26 years—Barbara

Long, Cubberley;

25 years—Susan

Miller, Keller; Rosalie

Richard, Purchasing; Neva Sullivan, Lafayette;

Helen Herrmann, Hoover; Eleanor Mehler,

Newcomb;

24 years—Jeannette Nichols, Research;

Beatrice Southerland, Marshall;

23 years—Claudia Switzer, Prisk;

20 years—Faye Deister, Millikan;

Georgianna Torres, Wilson;

19 years—Elizabeth Martinez, Multimedia Services; Agnes Knight, Longfellow;

18 years—Dianna Randall, Budget; David

Wilson, Maintenance; Pamela Ulmer, Hoover;

17 years—Dale Allen, Maintenance;

15 years—Marcia Solan, Jordan;

13 years—James Shoemaker, Nutrition Services;

10 years—Romeo Anguluan, Newcomb;

A total of 44 others with a combined 875 years of service requested that their names not be printed.



Solorzano

## Grads' Scholarships Exceed \$19 Million

Graduating seniors in the Long Beach Unified School District have won more than \$19 million in academic scholarships this spring, along with numerous non-monetary honors and admissions to prestigious colleges and universities.

The Class of 2006 so far has amassed \$19,618,289 in scholarships and monetary awards to reduce their college costs this fall.

Scholars at Poly High School earned full rides to the U.S. Air Force, U.S. Army and U.S. Naval Academies, Columbia, Harvard, Yale, MIT, USC, UCLA, Stanford, LMU, UC Berkeley, Cal State Long Beach, NYU, Claremont-McKenna and many other schools.

Wilson High School graduates earned 256 acceptances at all campuses of the University of California system and 437 acceptances at all campuses of California State University. Other acceptances included Princeton, Stanford, Columbia, Cornell, Northeastern, Notre Dame and the Meredith Manor International School of Horsemanship. Student Kenny Cruz earned 13 years of perfect attendance.

A student from California Academy of Mathematics and Science (CAMS) won a \$130,000 scholarship from Olin College of Engineering. Other CAMS students won scholarships to Occidental College, Princeton, Claremont McKenna, Florida Institute of Technology and Stanford.

Jordan High School students earned more scholarships than ever before in the school's history -- \$2.2 million -- including Gates Millennium and Long Beach Bar Association scholarships. Students gained admission to UC Berkeley, Smith, Howard, UCLA, UC Santa Barbara, University of Louisville, Cal State Fresno and other schools.

Millikan High School students earned acceptance to all UC and CSU campuses, Cornell, Northeastern and the U.S. Military Academy at Westpoint. Scholarships included the CSULB Presidential Scholarship, Occidental College President's Scholarship, and Long Beach Youth of the Year -- District Level. Non-monetary awards included the Cambodian Youth Leadership Award, Society  
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## Libraries Honored

California State University's Center for Community Engagement recently presented its Community Partner Recognition Award to Long Beach Unified School District Library Services.

The award recognizes collaboration between CSULB and the district. University students are matched with LBUSD library/media teachers. These pairings have provided multiple opportunities for CSULB students to apply their knowledge while contributing to school library improvement.

## Names in the News

**Carol Kraft**, math teacher at Lakewood, was named Teacher of the Year by the Rotary Club of Lakewood. Kraft is lead teacher in the Applied Technology Magnet. She was honored at a Rotary luncheon.

Teachers **Albert Licano** from Jackie Robinson Academy, and **Gwenelle Warren** from Hamilton Middle School were selected to participate in the 2006 Boeing Educators to Space Camp program. The weeklong program will be held in July at the U.S. Space and Rocket Center in Huntsville, Alabama.

**Amy Colcord Stuhrt**, EPHS assistant principal, co-authored an article titled "Educational Options: The New Tradition." The article, published in the May-June 2006 issue of *Leadership*, focuses on the qualities of educational options that contribute to student success.

**Tina Arora**, autism supervisor, recently received both the UCLA 2006 Outstanding Graduate Student Award and the UCLA Women for Change 2006 Student Leadership Award.

**Meghan Fife**, teacher at Butler School, recently published a children's book, *Little Bird's First Adventure*. The book highlights the values of respect, responsibility and perseverance. Information about the book is available at [www.authorhouse.com](http://www.authorhouse.com).

**Janis Price**, teacher on special assignment in the Health and Physical Education Office, recently became a Certified Health Education Specialist. She becomes one of the 6,585 individuals that have been certified by the National Commission for Health Education Credentialing.

Honored as Outstanding Volunteers In Public Schools (VIPS) are **Kay Hickman**, Bethune; **Amy Lisardi**, Burnett; **Maria Madrigal**, Barton; and **Wendy Smith**, Hoover.

**Jamal Mathews**, Hoover eighth grader, won the opportunity to compete in the recent California National Geographic Geography Bee in Sacramento. He qualified by first winning Hoover's competition and then passing the California written test.

Lindbergh sixth grader **Johnny Alvarenga** won \$400 and three tickets to Catalina for his first place finish in a geography bee sponsored by the North Long Beach Kiwanis Club. Other top five finishers each won a gift certificate or an iPod music player.

Newcomb students **Mary Beebe** and **Tiffany Tran** earned the Marian Huhn Award, the highest possible award of the California Junior Scholarship Federation. The award recognizes outstanding service to others and academic excellence.

Jordan High School automotive students won the Long Beach City Skills contest.

Jordan students also swept the top three places: 1st, **Francisco Magallanes**; 2nd, **Odom Rath**; and 3rd, **Daniel Meza**. Other members of the team are **Eli Chaffin**, **Raul Cortez**, **Joseph Duran**, **Jen Gonzalez**, **Francisco Hilario**, **David Jacinto**, **Oscar Martinez**, **Joshua Raya**, **James Rosemond**, **Kris Van Noy** and **Ronald Velazquez**.

**Annaliza Dominguez**, a student at Hudson, earned the 6th Grade Gold Medal Award in the Advancement Via Individual Determination (AVID) Middle School Write-Off. The timed writing competition allows middle school students to practice for the California High School Exit Exam.

The trouble with retirement is that you never get a day off.

— Abe Lemons

## Eighth Graders Win College Scholarships

Five eighth graders each earned \$500 college scholarships recently, courtesy of the Lyman W. and Nancy E. Lough Eighth Grade Scholarship Fund.

The awards go to students with average grades (2.0 to 2.9 GPA), good citizenship and a potential for future success. The winners traditionally are students who are beating the odds and continuing to learn despite tough circumstances, such as a disability, a difficult home life or other challenges.

The winners and their schools are: **Lonnie Adams**, Stephens; **Jessica Azevedo**, Butler; **Shaina Locke**, Bancroft; **Michelle Santiago**, Hill; and **Eric Valencia-Hughes**, Hughes.

Each winner receives a plaque. Their scholarship checks are presented upon enrollment in trade school or college.

Any Long Beach Unified school with eighth graders can nominate one student to become a finalist. The five scholarship winners are selected from a group of 20 finalists, each of whom receives an engraved plaque.

Individuals and corporations who would like to sponsor a scholarship in escrow may do so for only \$100 per year. The money is earmarked for a deserving student in eighth grade, with \$100 per year added during each year in high school for a total of \$500 by the time the student enters college. The scholarships help provide an incentive to prepare for college.

As part of the Lough Awards, an additional \$180-per-year scholarship from the Frangesch Memorial Fund went to student **Erikson Medina** of Newcomb. The fund was established in 1998 in memory of **John Frangesch**, a popular LBUSD elementary school principal who died shortly after his retirement. The Frangesch award selection criteria are the same as those used for the Lough Awards. To contribute to either fund, contact the Long Beach Education Foundation at 997-8054.

## Recent Promotions

The following classified employees recently received promotions:

**Wesley Banks**, plant supervisor I, Alvarado;

**Jeanette Campbell**, Nutrition Services supervisor II, Bancroft;

**Maria Cortez**, instructional assistant - intensive behavioral treatment, The Willows;

**Timothy Dressendorfer**, maintenance manager, Maintenance.

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## • Grads' Awards

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of Women Engineers Merit Award and National Hispanic Scholar Award.

Lakewood High School produced 42 Merit Scholars and 35 Presidential Academic Fitness Awards. Students earned UC Berkeley Regents and Chancellor's scholarships, the Chapman University Dean's Scholarship, and California Business for Education Excellence Gold Standard Award Scholarships.

Admissions to colleges and universities included all nine UC campuses, USC, Temple and University of the Pacific.

Cabrillo High School students earned acceptance to UC Berkeley, UCLA, UC Irvine, UC Santa Barbara, UC San Diego, Howard, Cal State Long Beach and other schools. Scholarships included awards from Villanova University, La Salle University and the South Dakota School of Mines and Technology.

Renaissance High School for the Arts students earned scholarships to Mount St. Mary University and the University of La Verne. The Rotary Club of Long Beach awarded three renewable \$1,200 scholarships to students attending CSULB next fall. Top school acceptances included Duke, Boston University, Morehouse and Claremont McKenna.

Avalon School students earned scholarships to USC, Stanford, UC Berkeley, UCLA and UCSD.

## What Others Say

"Of all the awards and scholarships I've received, the one that means the most is the Most Inspiring Student Award," said **Samahndi Cunningham**, a USC student who returned to speak recently at the Most Inspiring Student Awards Dinner. "Someone noticed me and decided I was worthy of this award," she said.

The Most Inspiring Student Awards recognize one student from each school in the district, often for overcoming difficult obstacles. Cunningham was named the 2001 Most Inspiring Student at Rogers Middle School after being diagnosed with Hodgkins lymphoma cancer.

## The Job Board

• Burnett Elementary School is seeking an 18-hour technology aide. The aide should be familiar with PC computer operations and troubleshooting of minor problems with computers and printers. Duties will also include assisting students in the computer lab. Contact **Janis Kleinberg**, facilitator, at 595-4221.

• Starr King Elementary is currently accepting letters of interest to fill a literacy specialist position. If interested, please submit a letter of interest to **Georgetta McNeal**, principal, by e-mail ([gmneal@lbusd.k12.ca.us](mailto:gmneal@lbusd.k12.ca.us)) or fax (422-1481) by June 21. Interviewees will be contacted during the summer.

• Applications are now being accepted at the Personnel Commission, 999 Atlantic Ave., for contract analyst, instructional aide-speech and language communication, Purchasing Office assistant, senior Purchasing Office assistant and speech-language pathology assistant.

• Stanford Middle School has an opening for a seventh and eighth grade GATE English teacher. The position requires GATE certification. To apply, send a letter of interest to **Kathy Cruz**, principal.