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Retiring Certificated Staff Served 3,500 Years

A total of 134 teachers and other certificated employees are wrapping up their careers this year. Together they have amassed 3,500 years of service to the students of the Long Beach Unified School District:

45 years—Andrew Wiblemo, Hoover;
42 years—Mary Ann Kies, Prisk; Felicia Ward, Emerson;

39 years—Marnos Lelesi, Longfellow; Carolyn Kennedy, Madison; Terri Pikop, Lakewood; Patricia Potter, OCIPD; Diana Wheeler, Coordinated Student Services;

38 years—Barry Neel, Buffum; Nancy Parsons, Millikan; Susan Feinberg, Grant; Jane Mitamura, Cubberley; Patricia Hansen, Mann;

37 years—John Montrella, Millikan; Rhoda Johnson, Powell; Dixie Dawson, OCIPD; Margaret Hess, Tincher; Karen Blagaich, Hill; Elyse Gordon, Buffum; Jim Keck, Information Services; Judy McEachen, Carver; Gretta Mahan, Cubberley;

36 years—Phyllis McGihon, Stevenson; Rose Williams, Grant; Sandra Iwai, Millikan; William Colby, McKinley; Lynne Finley, Lakewood;

35 years—Claudia Kreis, Burnett; Gloria Perry, Bancroft; Linda Binns, Burcham; Dennis Shook, DeMille; Ceola Jones, Hudson;

34 years—Patricia D'Ambrosi, The Willows; 33 years—Marian Lyman, Franklin; Joyce Ashimine, Grant; James Ferguson, Wilson; Jill Moore, Burcham; Lawrence Clark Jr., Butler;

32 years—Charlene Lee, Tincher; Victoria Girard, Birney; Christina McCambridge, The Willows;

31 years—Jennifer Paulin, Cubberley; Linda Frame, Cabrillo;

30 years—Belia Rockwell, Avalon; Lynelle Wise, Jordan; Terry Buckley, Monroe;

29 years—Nancy Nakagawa, Superintendent's Office; Christine Lungren-Maddalone, Elementary Office; Ann Cole, Mann;

28 years—Kathleen Rapp, Burcham; Valerie Shoopman, Lakewood;

27 years—Evelyn Martin, Twain;

26 years—Rebecca Andrade, Grant; Karen DeVries, Elementary Office; Paul Farris, Millikan;

25 years—Shirley Ammon, Madison; Janice Madnick, Roosevelt; Judith Ramming, Avalon; 24 years—Merry De Lucia, Poly; Mary Lou Weiss, Roosevelt;

23 years—Susan E. Nelson, The Willows; 22 years—Michael Smith, Avalon; Elyse Stewart, Roosevelt; Leticia Agbin, Hudson;

Dorothy Clark, Stephens; Judith Morrill, Lee; 21 years—Constance Luther, Willard; Janice Grist, Grant; Peggy Denhart, Poly; Adrienne Wolfe, Poly; Patricia Cohen, Sutter;

20 years—Stephen Cox, Lindbergh; Eugene Williams, Millikan;

18 years—Gregory Brooks, Student Support Services; Carol Guesno, Fremont/Buffum; Judith Vlastakis, Millikan; Margaret Mulligan, Marshall;

17 years—Joyce Ferrell, Hamilton; Carol Hesse, Renaissance; Kay Christensen, Hudson; Grace McManus, Wilson; Marilyn Mayer, Wilson;

16 years—Minnie Jefferson, Head Start;
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Grads' Scholarships Surpass \$18 Million

Graduating seniors here have earned more than \$18 million in scholarships, along with numerous non-monetary honors and admissions to prestigious colleges and universities.

The Class of 2007 has amassed \$18,350,160 in scholarships to reduce college costs, including full rides to dozens of institutions.

Wilson Classical High School students earned more than \$4.4 million in scholarships, a new record for the school. Wilson graduates have been admitted to all campuses of the University of California system. Others will attend Stanford, Yale, Harvard, Georgetown and Williams. More than 25 full ride scholarships were earned, along with five Long Beach Bar Association scholarships. One student received an ROTC award worth \$180,000. Thirteen students earned 4.0 or better grade point averages.

California Academy of Mathematics and
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Citius, Altius, Fortius

By Christopher J. Steinhauer
Superintendent of Schools

The Olympic motto *Citius, Altius, Fortius* is Latin for "Faster, Higher, Stronger." It is a timeless ideal that speaks to an innate need for ever greater human achievement. It applies to your efforts, and to what you are helping our students to achieve, not only on our athletic fields, but in our classrooms and in life.

Symbolic of this notion is young Samantha Larson, the 2006 Poly grad and honor student who just became one of the youngest people to climb the 29,000-foot peak of Mt. Everest.

After literally being on top of the world, she will now enroll at Stanford University. She will join other Long Beach graduates who this fall will enroll at hundreds of prestigious colleges and universities, often with full scholarships.

As the Long Beach Press-Telegram observed about Samantha's inspirational accomplishment, all students must climb their own mountains – college admission, a trade school education, starting their own business. By continually improving our efforts, you model the concept of *Citius, Altius, Fortius*. In turn, you help every student to climb higher, go faster and grow stronger. And for that, you all deserve a medal.

Thank you for an exceptional school year. It's another one for the record books!



Classified Employees Devoted 1,356 Years

Retiring this year from schools, offices and key support services are 64 Long Beach Unified School District classified employees with a combined total of 1,356 years of service:

40 years—Santiago Busa, instructional assistant;

33 years—Janet Dominger, Superintendent's Office;

31 years—Robert McDermid, Operations; Richard Cassman, Business Office;

30 years—Edith Jacks, Twain; Thomas Pike, Keller;

29 years—Maria Sheets, Nutrition Services; Robert Wyatt Jr., Grant;

28 years—Ellie Steineckert, Bancroft; Cecilia Clark, Nutrition Services;

26 years—Patricia Bowers, Prisk; Nancy Barnes, Nutrition Services;

25 years—Rita Lares, Stephens; Karen Kerman, Wilson; Yaopou Chao, Hamilton;

24 years—Jesusita Berrera, Roosevelt; 23 years—Barbara Sequeira, Bancroft;

22 years—Beverly Murchison, International;

21 years—Jerry Black, Lakewood;

20 years—Lauro Reyes, Birney; 19 years—Nellie Carlson, Maintenance;

17 years—Patricia O'Connor, Stephens; Graciela Rocha, International; Erlinda Santos, Poly;

16 years—Penelope Cormier, Roosevelt;

15 years—Sherrell Paige, Cleveland;

14 years—Mollie Pitts, Lafayette;

12 years—Patricia Holmes, Riley; John Jackson, Harte; Sharilyn Ingram, McKinley;

10 years—Shari Bolling, Hill;

A total of 33 others with a combined 649 years of service requested that their names not be printed.



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• Retirees

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15 years—Georgia Swanberg, Signal Hill; Shelia Tolan, Jordan; Mary K. McDonald, Cubberley;

14 years—Evelyn Walter, Grant;

13 years—Jane Adair, Poly;

12 years—Libertad Gonzales, Lakewood; Mahesh Pondicherry, Poly; Olivia Acosta, Henry;

11 years—Addie Burroughs, Jordan; Lynn Winters, Research; Ronald Yaffee, Riley;

10 years—Alreatha Kennedy, McKinley; Ofelia Aid, Grant;

Thirty-eight others who served 868 years asked that their names not be printed.

Names in the News

DeMille Middle School nurse **Jayne Petrich** was named Long Beach Unified School District School Nurse of the Year.

Chris Eckert, teacher at Tincher, received the Elementary Digital Voice Teacher of the Year award for technology integration and teacher support. The annual award is open to all teachers through Los Angeles County via CTAP 11 Region.

Marilyn Anania, teacher at Millikan, has been selected to participate in the National Endowment for the Humanities Summer Institute in Rome this summer. Participants will be learning to incorporate lessons on Italian art into lessons of Italian. Anania has plans to offer a fourth year of Italian and AP Italian at Millikan in the future.

Robin Sroka, career center supervisor at Wilson, won the 2006-07 Arthur Marmaduke High School Counselor Award, presented by the California Student Aid Commission and EDFUND, its student loan auxiliary.

Millikan High School student **Bashir Hassan** placed first in the recent Port of Long Beach High School Speech contest. He was a featured speaker at the World Trade Week luncheon in May.

Melissa Cordon, student at Birney, is the statewide winner of the Tar Wars anti-smoking poster contest sponsored by the California Academy of Family Physicians.

Winners of the recent LBUSD Spelling Bee are **Coral Kazaroff**, Naples, first place; **Michela Balajadia**, Hudson, second place; and **Dayana Davila**, Gant, third place.

Saturday Teaching

The PALMS and Special Projects Offices are establishing a pool for teachers for middle school Saturday intervention classes for 2007-08. Classes will be held October through April from 8 a.m. to noon each Saturday (except three-day weekends and before and after winter and spring break). Teachers interested in substituting on Saturdays should also apply.

These teachers will earn their additional hourly rate on the "P" schedule. It is anticipated that there will be a need for science, social studies, math, English, and English Language Development (ELD) teachers. Eligible teachers should hold the appropriate subject area credential or a multiple subject credential. Teachers must be certified to teach English Language Learners. Training will be provided in August.

Contact Kathy Reich at ext. 8638 or at kreich@lbUSD.k12.ca.us.

• Class of 2007 to Attend Top Universities

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Science students earned scholarships and acceptance to Amherst, Carnegie Mellon, Cornell, Duke, Harvard, MIT, Harvey Mudd, NYU, Pomona College, Rice, Stanford, UC Berkeley, UCLA, University of Michigan, University of Pennsylvania, USC, Williams and Yale. CAMS this year boasts eight National Hispanic Scholars.

At Polytechnic High School, three students earned admission to MIT and four students were accepted to Stanford. Other acceptances included Harvard and the Manhattan School of Music. Scholarships included full tuition to Boston College, a Grinnell College scholarship valued at \$33,900 per year, and a Swarthmore Merit Scholarship of \$45,000 per year.

Millikan High School students earned acceptance and scholarships to all UC and CSU campuses, West Point, Howard, Mills, Williamette and Chapman. Scholarships included the NAACP Gold Oratory and Asian Pacific Islander Scholarship Fund awards. Honors included a city Leadership Award and the Lion's Club Debate Award.

Lakewood High School students earned scholarships to Notre Dame, CSULB, Chapman, and other schools. Forty-four schol-

ars achieved grade point averages of 4.0 or above, with students admitted to several UC schools, USC and Pepperdine. Twelve students earned renewable scholarships from the Rotary Club.

Cabrillo High School students earned full-ride scholarships to CSULB and UC Irvine, and scholarships from Rotary and Operation Jump Start. Other awards included the NAACP ACT-SO honor. Acceptances included several UC campuses, Spelman College, Hampton University and Mount St. Mary's College.

Jordan High School students earned two Gates Millennium scholarships, a Tuskegee University Academic Achievement Scholarship, Congresswoman Juanita McDonald Leadership Award, University of New Mexico Football Scholarship, Carl Cohn Scholarship and an Edison International Public Education Scholarship. Acceptances included 13 campuses of the CSU system, Loyola of Chicago, Mills, Notre Dame, Robert Morris University, most campuses of the UC system, University of Nevada Las Vegas, USC and Upper Iowa University.

Renaissance High School for the Arts students earned scholarships to CSULB and USC, along with awards from the Children's Trust Fund, Long Beach Bar Association and Walmart. Renaissance students gained admission to UC and CSU campuses as well as Clark Atlanta University.

Twenty LBUSD high school seniors were presented either \$2,500 or \$1,000 scholarships by the Long Beach Regional California Student Opportunity and Access Program (Cal-SOAP).

The Job Board

- Hill Classical Middle School seeks an eighth grade RISE (GATE/EXCEL and high achievers program) teacher with GATE certification, or working toward certification. This position also includes one period of yearbook. Contact Pete Davis, principal, at ext. 4510.

- Special Education is looking for team leaders to provide support to schools for 2007-08. Send letters of interest and resumes to Sara Jocham, Special Education director.

- Lafayette Elementary School is looking for full-time dual immersion BCLAD teachers for third and fourth grades. For more information, contact Damita Myers-Miller, principal, at ext. 7952 or dmyersmiller@lbUSD.k12.ca.us.

- Lee Elementary School is seeking a first grade GATE/EXCEL teacher for the 2007-08 school year. GATE certification is preferred. Contact Tom Malkus, principal, at ext. 5635.

- Applications are now being accepted at the Personnel Commission, 999 Atlantic Ave., for food production equipment technician, Nutrition Services supervisor II (Avalon), senior administrative secretary and substitute intermediate office assistant-schools (Avalon).

Summer Recreation

Parents whose children grow restless on those long summer days can send their kids on an "Under Water Adventure." That's the theme of the new 2007 summer recreation program open to all students from first grade through high school.

Summer recreation sessions will be offered at 22 local school playgrounds June 25 through July 27 from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. daily.

For information, call ext. 8333.

Alternate Teaching

Teachers are needed for three alternate educational classes that will start this fall to support elementary students.

The classes are designed to teach behavioral skills to students who have been referred for disciplinary transfer or who have demonstrated a need for intensive behavioral intervention. The classes will be for K-1, grades 2-3, and grades 4-5.

Candidates should have a multiple subject credential. Contact Marilyn Hummel at 422-6868, ext. 172 or mhummel@lbUSD.k12.ca.us.

Employee Survey

An employee satisfaction survey is being distributed this week through schools and offices via e-mail and hard copy. Any employee who does not receive one may request a survey by calling ext. 8393.

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