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Certificated Employees Served for 3,219 Years

A total of 126 teachers and other certificated employees are wrapping up their careers this year. Together they have amassed 3,219 years of service to the students of the Long Beach Unified School District:

43 years — Carol Pyle, Cleveland;

40 years — Jacqueline Deamer, Poly; Charles Stoner, Lakewood;

39 years — Susan Marumoto, EPHS; Ron Massey, Jordan;

38 years — Jim Lineberger, Middle/K-8 Schools; Richard Hildebrand, Cabrillo;

Terry Koepke, Hi-Hill; Jill Parker, Lowell; Basilia Williams, Los Cerritos;

37 years — Estelle Seaton, Twain; Roberta Hamfeldt, Stevenson; Evelyn Herndon-Tahiru, Riley;

36 years — Pat Jernigan, Madison;

34 years — Sharon Lahr, Buffum; Danny Wheeler, ROP;

33 years — Sandra Rogers, OCIPD;

32 years — Michael Troyer, Hoover;

Donald Curtis, Hoover; Karen Yaghoubian, Tucker; Cynthia Vial, Hoover;

31 years — Cynthia Antes,

Burcham/Chavez/Monroe; Diane Lowell, Hughes; Margie Lawrence, Muir; Pat Kishi, OCIPD; Bertha Slighter, Butler;

30 years — Lawrence Connors, Carver;

John Marikos, Lincoln; Emiko Furuta, Longfellow; Carol Dykstra, Webster; James Ferrara, Signal Hill;

29 years — Lydia Larner, Cabrillo/Poly;

Don Keller, Millikan; Gary Brown, Lakewood;

Kathleen O'Reilly, Gompers; Marie Meripol, Music Office; Jean Marie Van Dine, Millikan;

28 years — Joan Wiese, Dooley; Teresa Meyer, Lakewood; Patricia Schafer, Wilson; Evelina Mardirossian, Roosevelt;

27 years — Judy Fritts, Burnett; Jill



Pyle

Forehan, Madison; Stefanie Holzman, Roosevelt; Herman Davis, Poly; Claire Desmond-Ward, Burnett; Patricia Erlandson, Millikan;

26 years — Nancy Harris, Renaissance; Patricia Nagano, Roosevelt; Donna Swenson, Riley;

25 years — Linda Brockman, Chavez/Emerson/Longfellow/PAAL; John Van Tress, Jordan; Pia Alexander, OCIPD; Anna Jorda, Burbank; Julie Johnson, McKinley;

24 years — Alice Thompson, McKinley; Rose Hamilton, Madison;

23 years — Robert Browning, EPHS;

22 years — Georgia Stuart, Jordan Academy;

21 years — Therese Doyle, Marshall;

20 years — Richard Beeney, PAAL; Cecilia Macy, Birney; Cynthia Stewart, Wilson; Tanya Sanderson, McKinley; Marilyn Anania, Millikan; Charlyn Hoover, Stanford; Mary Linehan, Lee; Marcia Myers, Prisk;

19 years — Doreen Tupajic, Monroe;

18 years — Irene Majella Maas, Riley;

16 years — Emily Lacina, Music Office;

Nancy Singleton, Hughes;

14 years — Barbara Dahl, Kettering; Candra Godwin, Tincher; Kasum Pandya, Head Start;

13 years — Nancy Wahlstrom, Buffum;

12 years — Sylvia Olson, Millikan;

Laurence Tendis, Stanford/Muir;

11 years — Jeffrey Denhart, Harte.

Forty-seven others who served 1,063 years asked that their names not be printed.

A Year of Progress Despite Obstacles

By Christopher J. Steinhauer
Superintendent of Schools

Let's face it. It's been a tough year. The state budget meltdown has impacted public schools throughout California, resulting in layoff notices, furlough days and other austerity measures. Our own schools have not been immune to the crisis.

Amazingly, our students continue to thrive. With strong support from parents and others in our community, our employees have remained focused on our vital mission of supporting the personal and intellectual success of every student, every day.

We learned this week that our graduating high school seniors have earned well over \$51 million in scholarships, which is a new record and speaks to our schools' ability to put children first, even during the most challenging of circumstances. We've seen so many other victories for our students and schools this year, including a long list of state and national honors.

I recognize that such success has not come
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Senior Scholarships Exceed \$51 Million

Scholarships and other monetary awards earned by graduating seniors in the Long Beach Unified School District this year exceed \$51.5 million, far surpassing last year's record of \$40 million.

Students at the **California Academy of Mathematics and Science** earned \$14.42 million in scholarships (nearly twice last year's amount), including \$1.5 million earned by just two students. Students at CAMS this year gained admission and scholarships to Amherst,

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Retiring Classified Staff Devoted 1,580 Years

Retiring this year from schools, offices and key support services are 72 Long Beach Unified School District classified employees with a combined total of 1,580 years of service:

36 years — Keith Adkins, OMS; James Ryker, Longfellow;

33 years — Loretta Garcia, Cabrillo;

32 years — Ema Hajdukovic, Head Start;

30 years — Martha Cantu, High School Office; Kathy Church, Physician Services;

Kathie Price, OCIPD;

29 years — Thomas Benno, Maintenance; Nathaniel Turner, Wilson;

28 years — Angie Gribbin, Stevenson;

Ninia Mata, Nutrition Services;

27 years — Daniel Shaw, Addams; John Wightman, Jordan;

26 years — Allen Warren, Jordan;

25 years — Mattie Shaw, Transportation; Carole Wensman, Lincoln;



Adkins

24 years — Sandra Abraham, Payroll; Cleo Brown, Millikan; Jackie Clark, Lakewood;

23 years — Jesse Quintana, School Safety & Emergency Preparedness;

22 years — Dolores Appel, Cleveland;

Mildred Bejarano, Risk Management;

Madalynn Fassett, Emerson; JoAnn Metz, Elementary School Office; Irene Salazar, Records Management;

21 years — Antoinette Arrain, CDC; Jay Buchanan, Maintenance; Judy Hogan, Marshall;

20 years — Barbara Geraths, Grant; Maria Lyons, Special Projects; Betty Wallis, Wilson;

18 years — Valerie Cabot, Poly;

17 years — Jennifer Grippando, Millikan;

16 years — Sheila Blake, Head Start;

15 years — Elizabeth Arce, McKinley;

Connie Coelho, Prisk; Betty Lanctot, Transportation; Gloria Lasinsky, Transportation; Anne McNeley, DeMille/Bancroft; Alice Stephens, Research; Mary Torkelson, Avalon; Cal Tran, Operations;

10 years — Evelyn McIntyre, Hamilton.

A total of 29 others with a combined 600 years of service requested that their names not be printed.

• \$51M Includes Full Rides to Top Colleges

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Brown, Caltech, Carnegie Mellon, Columbia, Cornell, Duke, Florida Tech, Georgetown, Harvard, Harvey Mudd, Johns Hopkins, Howard, MIT, NYU, Olin, Pomona College, Princeton, Stanford, Syracuse, all of the University of California campuses, the University of Chicago, University of Pennsylvania, USC, Vanderbilt, Washington University in St. Louis, Williams and Yale.

Poly High School students earned \$10.72 million, including a \$270,000 scholarship to Columbia; \$210,000 to Lehigh; \$202,000 to Stanford; \$188,000 to USC; \$207,000 to Reed; and \$157,000 to Georgetown. Poly students also gained admission to Yale, Harvard, Dartmouth, Brown, Fontbonne, NYU, Johns Hopkins, Princeton, Boston, Grinnell, Cornell, Massachusetts College of Pharmacy and Health Science; University of Massachusetts, Amherst; University of California (Berkeley, Davis, Santa Cruz, San Diego, UCLA and Riverside) and the U.S. Air Force Academy.

Wilson Classical High School students earned \$9.13 million along with 1,343 acceptances to 201 universities in 40 states and four countries. School acceptances included Harvard, Yale, Princeton, Columbia, Cornell, Dartmouth, Brown, Stanford, Johns Hopkins, Georgetown, Northwestern, Fordham, Purdue, USC, George Washington, New York University, all University of California campuses (including 32 admissions to UCLA and 27 admissions to UC Berkeley), and all California State University campuses.

Millikan High School students earned \$8.07 million. A member of the girls' track and field team, Ashley Smith, earned more than \$1.2 million in athletic scholarships (she has committed to attending UC Berkeley). Millikan students gained admission to Stanford, Columbia, Vanguard, Princeton, all University of California and CSU schools, USC, Purdue, Berklee College of Music, The Citadel – The Military College of South Carolina, Westmont, Biola, BYU, Cal Lutheran, Arizona State University, Northern Arizona University, Concordia, Hope International, Azusa Pacific, Chapman, Reed, Whittier, Pepperdine, Xavier, University of New Mexico, University of Alaska, University of Washington, University of Oregon,

University of the Pacific, University of Hawaii, University of La Verne, University of Illinois – Chicago, St. Mary's University, LMU, Florida International and Regis University.

Lakewood High School students earned \$3.37 million, with acceptances to Notre Dame, Stanford, Azusa Pacific, Duke, University of Evansville, University of Miami, Grambling State University, University of California (Berkeley, UCLA, Irvine, Davis, Santa Barbara, Riverside), USC, Cal Poly Pomona, University of Illinois, Northern Arizona University, Webster University, BYU, St. John's University, University of Great Falls, Utah Valley University, University of Miami and other schools.

Jordan High School students earned \$2.61 million, with acceptances to USC, the University of California (Berkeley, UCLA, Irvine, Davis, Santa Cruz and Riverside), Oral Roberts, Charles Drew, Spelman, Clark Atlanta, Howard, Le Cordon Bleu Culinary Arts College, University of Washington, Richmond University, University of North Dakota, South Carolina State, University of Dallas, many CSU campuses and The Cleveland Institute of Art.

Cabrillo High School students earned \$1.97 million, with acceptances to the University of California (UCLA, Berkeley, Davis, Riverside, Irvine, Santa Barbara, San Diego), Clark Atlanta University, Mount St. Mary's, The Art Institute of California – Los Angeles, Otis College and Stillman College.

Renaissance High School for the Arts students earned \$737,766, with acceptances to the University of California (Irvine, Riverside, San Diego, Davis, Santa Barbara, Merced), Weber State, Fashion Institute of Design and Merchandising, multiple CSU campuses, Azusa Pacific, LMU, Musician's Institute Hollywood, Cornish College of the Arts, San Diego Arts Academy, Cal Baptist University, Biola University and the Southern University Naval ROTC.

Avalon School students on Catalina Island earned more than \$525,000.

Students at the **Educational Partnership High School** and **Reid High School** alternative education programs earned \$9,040 and \$5,000 respectively, while **Long Beach School for Adults** students earned \$6,200.

More Than 5,900 Students Accept Diplomas

Poised to receive their diplomas this month are more than 5,900 high school seniors in the Long Beach Unified School District.

Poly and Poly Academy of Achievers and Leaders have the largest combined graduating class with 1,056 seniors. Wilson will award 945 diplomas; Millikan, 925; Lakewood, 889; Jordan, 751; Cabrillo, 643; EPHS, 215; School for Adults, 150; CAMS, 142; Renaissance, 108; Reid, 75; and Avalon, 58.

Cabrillo holds its graduation on Tuesday, June 15. Jordan, Poly/PAAL and Reid will award diplomas Wednesday, June 16. Lakewood, Millikan, Renaissance and Wilson will conduct ceremonies on Thursday, June 17. EPHS and School for Adults conduct graduations on Friday, June 18. Avalon conducts commencement on Thursday, June 24. CAMS conducted ceremonies on Wednesday, June 9.

Scheduled to present diplomas are:

Avalon—Assistant Superintendent Maggie Webster, 4 p.m., Avalon Casino Theater;

Cabrillo—Board of Education Vice President Felton Williams, 6 p.m., Veterans Stadium;

EPHS—Board of Education President Mary Stanton, 1 p.m., Lakewood High School Auditorium;

Jordan—Board of Education President Mary Stanton and Superintendent Chris Steinhauer, 2 p.m., Veterans Stadium;

Lakewood—Superintendent Chris Steinhauer, 2 p.m., Cerritos College; **School for Adults**—Board of Education Member John McGinnis, 1 p.m., Millikan High School Auditorium;

Millikan—Speaker TBA, 7 p.m., Veterans Stadium; **Poly/PAAL**—Board of Education Member Felton Williams, 7 p.m., Veterans Stadium;

Reid—Board of Education Member David Barton, noon, Cabrillo High School Gymnasium; **Renaissance**—Board of Education Member John McGinnis, 5 p.m., Long Beach City College Liberal Arts Campus Auditorium;

Wilson—Board of Education Member Jon Meyer and Superintendent Chris Steinhauer, 5:30 p.m., Stephens Field (Wilson Stadium).



MILESTONE — Cora Simpson joins her son, Kylani Simpson, an eighth grader at Colin Powell Academy for Success, for the districtwide Male Leadership & Math Academy Culminating Event held recently at Marshall Middle School. The Male Academy, offered at middle and high schools, helps to cultivate student leaders, steer kids away from gangs and violence, and improve student performance.

• A Year of Progress

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without sacrifice. After years of budget cuts and hiring freezes, our employees are working harder, with fewer resources, to provide our students the outstanding education they deserve. Employees, parents and business leaders are reaching into their own pockets, raising hundreds of thousands of dollars to support school programs that they hold dear.

Our teachers, support staff and administrators continue to make significant sacrifices, as evidenced by the 93 percent of teachers who recently approved a new contract that includes five unpaid furlough days next school year. This agreement will help save 200 teaching jobs, and I deeply appreciate the efforts of all who are willing to pitch in and help our schools through these difficult times.

I know that the summer, normally a time of well-deserved rest and renewal for our hard-working teachers and other employees, instead brings uncertainty for many people in our schools this year, especially for employees who are unsure about their employment status for next school year. Please be assured that the leadership of this school district will continue working throughout the summer to mitigate state budget cuts so that we can restore as many jobs as possible. We will keep you posted on our progress at www.lbschools.net.

Meanwhile, I sincerely thank our employees, parents and community partners for persevering and succeeding in the face of significant obstacles. You continue to make the Long Beach Unified School District one of the most respected school systems in the nation. More importantly, you are making a profound and positive impact on the lives of thousands of children.



RACE TO TOP — State Board of Education President Ted Mitchell, California Gov. Arnold Schwarzenegger and Superintendent of Public Instruction Jack O'Connell sign the state's application for federal Race to the Top funds at Long Beach's Lafayette Elementary School.

'Race to the Top' Funding Would Save Jobs

California submitted its second-round application for federal Race to the Top school funding this month, with the Long Beach Unified School District playing a leading role in the development of the proposal.

The application for the funding is part of LBUSD's concerted efforts to raise student achievement while reducing the need for layoffs and other cuts necessitated by California's ongoing budget crisis.

LBUSD is one of seven California school systems that helped to develop the state's application for up to \$700 million in federal Race to the Top (Phase Two) funding. Many of the superintendents joined Gov. Arnold

Schwarzenegger and the state's top education officials recently at Long Beach's Lafayette Elementary School for a signing ceremony to announce the state's newly completed application.

State officials selected Lafayette Elementary because they wish to replicate widely the school's significant growth in student achievement. Lafayette's state Academic Performance Index has grown from the 500 range to well beyond the state's target of 800 in just a few years. The school's fifth grade math proficiency surpasses the state average by 13 percentage points, despite significant poverty and language challenges.

State Senate Approves LBUSD's Funding Bill

A school funding flexibility bill initiated by the Long Beach Unified School District has cleared the state Senate by a 35-0 vote and will head to the Assembly.

LBUSD partnered with State Sen. Alan Lowenthal (D-Long Beach) to introduce the bill, SB 1396, as a way to mitigate ongoing, multi-billion-dollar cuts in state funding for education. The school district also hopes to use the legislation to save jobs here, as hundreds of LBUSD teachers and other employees face lay-

offs for next school year.

SB 1396 relaxes regulations on the spending of "categorical funds," which are allocated via strict state funding formulas that earmark dollars for specific educational programs.

School districts have long argued that because of the inflexibility regarding the use of these funds, public schools cannot efficiently manage their resources. The proposed legislation would create a pilot program with stringent accountability measures.

Board OKs Furloughs for Teachers, Others

The Board of Education has approved five furlough days for teachers and nonrepresented employees because of cuts in state funding.

The teacher furloughs are part of a recently approved contract with the Teachers Association of Long Beach calling for the unpaid days off next school year, along with other contract changes designed to save about \$12 million and 200 teaching jobs.

The school board this week also increased the total number of furlough days for nonrepresented employees to five for next school year, after initially approving three. Nonrepresented employees include administrators and other employees not represented by a union.

The furlough days will occur Monday through Wednesday, Nov. 22 to 24. These dates immediately precede the Nov. 25 and 26 holiday for Thanksgiving. The fourth and fifth furlough days will be taken March 25 and March 28, 2011.

TALB reported that 2,000 employees, or 93 percent, voted in favor of the deal for

teachers. Under the agreement with TALB, the school district will restore 200 of the teaching positions that appear on the school board's final layoff list, no later than 30 work days following the board's action on the final list. That final list is expected around mid-July because the school district must await an administrative law judge's ruling regarding recent layoff hearings for some teachers.

The school board has already OK'd 243 final layoff notices for teachers and other certificated employees, with additional notices pending the outcome of the layoff hearings. Of the 200 jobs to be restored, some may be among the 243 final notices already sent, and some may be among the teachers involved in the layoff hearings.

Further details on the TALB contract are available at www.lbschools.net under Bargaining Update. Nonrepresented employees will receive additional information in the coming days regarding the implementation of the furloughs.

Names in the News

Janice Filer, principal at the California Academy of Mathematics and Science, was recently named Secondary Principal of the Year by the Association of California School Administrators (ACSA) Region XIV.

Board of Education Member **Felton Williams**, Assistant Superintendent for Middle and K-8 Schools **Gwen Mathews**, and Head Start Director **Linda James** received the Alpha Award of Honor for Educational Leadership from the Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity.

Vanitha Chandrasekhar, educational technology coordinator, will serve on the National Council on Digital Citizenship and Creative Content. The council aims to address K-12 school systems' needs to teach appropriate and fair usage of digital content.

Ronald Siong, third grade teacher at Hudson K-8 School, will attend The Boeing Company's all-expenses-paid, week-long trip to NASA's Space Camp in Huntsville, Ala. next month.

Suzanne Arnold was named Nurse of the Year by the Long Beach School Nurses Association. She has worked as a nurse for 29 years, including the past six years at Hudson and Bethune schools.

The City of Long Beach chose three Poly High School students as representatives to the third annual Long Beach-Yokkaichi, Japan and Tianjin, China International Environmental Summit. The students are **Haley DeBoom**, **Tatynisha Graham** and **Jaylynn Branch**. Also selected was Tincher Preparatory School eighth grader **Mikel Yi**.

A joint team of Wilson Classical High School & Whitney High School Students earned a Lemelson-MIT InvenTeam grant of nearly \$10,000 to create a green-power system for semi-tractor trailer trucks. The goal of the invention is to meet the truck cab's electrical needs (such as air conditioning) while the truck is stationary and the truck driver is living in his cab. Wilson math teacher **Anthony Falcone** (an MIT alum) initiated the InvenTeam application process last spring.

Birney Elementary School student **Amanda Angeles** won first place in the National American Speech-Language-Hearing Association's 2010 Better Hearing and Speech Month Drawing Contest.

Winners of the Save Me a Spot in College Poster and Written Word Contest included **Kafele Crear**, Poly; **Noah Frazier**, DeMille; **Rocio Najera**, Rogers; **Bryce Robinson**, Washington; and **Camille Samala**, Hoover. Winning students earned scholarships ranging from \$500 to \$2,500.

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