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CCEJ Honoring LBUSD Educators

The California Conference for Equality and Justice will honor two educators from the Long Beach Unified School District with the Gene Lentzner Human Relations Award during the CCEJ's 50th Annual Dinner on Thursday, Oct. 17 at the Grand Event Center, 4101 E. Willow St., Long Beach. The reception is at 5:30 p.m., with dinner at 6:30 p.m.

The Lentzner Award honors exceptional contributions to improving human relations in Long Beach. Among this year's winners are Roberta Lanterman, program facilitator with LBUSD's Family Literacy Program, and Candace Meehan, a program director at Jordan High School. Also earning the Lentzner honor this year is LaVerne Duncan, coordinator of the African American Convening Committee.

The awards are given in Lentzner's name because of his life-long commitment to bringing diverse people together to improve human relations in the greater Long Beach area.

CCEJ volunteers Karina Fing and Zaq Tinker will receive the CCEJ Anthony B. Rogers Volunteer of the Year award for their extraordinary service. The volunteer award is named in honor of the late Tony Rogers, a highly respected educator and CCEJ volunteer. Much loved, Rogers taught at Poly High School until his untimely passing in 2002.

For more information or to purchase tickets for \$75 per person, visit cacej.org or call 435-8184.

Local Teacher of Year Vying for State Honor

Kimberly Dueñas, an English teacher at Marshall Academy of the Arts, is one of sixteen teachers from throughout Los Angeles County who were named as Teachers of the Year during a recent ceremony at the Universal Hilton.

The Los Angeles County Teachers of the Year will now have the opportunity to compete for the California Teacher of the Year title this fall, and from there they can take part in the National Teacher of the Year competition.

Dueñas is among three of the Long Beach Unified School District's most recently named Teachers of the Year. The other two LBUSD teachers are Ivy Gastelum, who teaches English as Cabrillo High School, and Katie Hickox, who teaches English at Millikan High School. Profiles of all three teachers are available at lbschools.net.



Dueñas

NEW POOL – Starting blocks line the edge of the pool at Cabrillo High School's new aquatic center. The facility, funded by voter-approved Measure K school bonds, will allow Cabrillo to offer competitive swim and water polo teams. The school also will offer community use of the pool.



Cabrillo Aquatic Center Officially Opens

Cabrillo High School's new aquatic center officially opened this week during a ribbon-cutting ceremony complete with performances by the school's steel drum band, marching band and cheerleaders.

Long Beach Unified School District school board members joined LBUSD Superintendent Christopher J. Steinhauser and other dignitaries to dedicate the \$12 million facility, which was funded by Measure K school bonds.

Cabrillo's 40-meter pool contains more than a half million gallons of water, all temperature controlled and chemically-balanced by a computerized system. The center boasts bleachers for 250 people and locker rooms for girls' and boys' teams. Another set of locker rooms is provided for physical education classes.

The aquatic complex also has an electronic

scoreboard, ticket booth, concession area and a new parking lot.

School board member Felton Williams said the addition of the aquatic center to Cabrillo helps to create parity with LBUSD's other large high schools, each of which have swim facilities. During the dedication ceremony, Williams recognized former Cabrillo co-principal Mel Collins' early advocacy for such a facility.

"I want to thank Mel for nudging me each and every time we saw one another," Williams said. Collins and his fellow, former co-principal Cynthia Terry were on hand to help dedicate the aquatic center.

The school's current co-principal, Elio Mendoza, said the facility will allow Cabrillo
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Credential Program Earns National Award

A collaborative effort among the Long Beach Unified School District, Cal State Long Beach and other organizations has earned a national honor for helping laid off teachers obtain additional credentials and find jobs in the high-need areas of math and science.

The CSULB Foundational Level Math and General Science Credential program has won the Association for Continuing Higher Education's Distinguished Program Award in the Outstanding Credit Program category.

The award goes to a credit program that demonstrates originality or innovation in program design and delivery. The program must prove successful by meeting its goals, receiving positive student evaluations, and meeting budget requirements.

The award will be presented in November during the 2013 ACHE National Conference in Lexington, Kentucky.

A partnership among LBUSD, the Pacific Gateway Workforce Investment Network, and CSULB's College of Continuing and Professional Education, the College of Education, and the College of Natural Sciences and Mathematics, the credential program was created to provide hundreds of laid-off LBUSD teachers with additional training and credentials to secure re-employment as a math or science teacher.

The program was collaboratively developed after final layoff notices were sent in 2011 to more than 700 LBUSD employees, mostly teachers, as a result of statewide cuts to public schools. The program was designed to improve teachers' ability to teach math or science in the secondary grades, as well as to help them prepare to pass the California Subject Examinations for Teachers (CSET).
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• New Pool

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to offer swim and water polo teams, and he hopes the aquatic center can be used by the community during non-school periods like summer vacation.

"This is something that means a lot to the neighborhood," Mendoza said. "We're interested in partnering with the community to offer swim lessons and recreational swimming."

Measure K school bonds were approved by local voters in 2008 and can be used only for school construction and renovation.

"Thanks to Measure K, our dream of having a state-of-the-art aquatic center here at Cabrillo is a reality. It's a dream come true for many," school board Vice President Diana Craighead told an enthusiastic crowd at the ceremony. "We owe a tremendous debt to the community here that asked for and has stood behind this center from conception to completion. It is a beautiful facility that is a testament to the community it serves."



IT'S OFFICIAL – To the cheers of students and staff, school board Vice President Diana Craighead helps to cut the ribbon at a dedication ceremony for Cabrillo High School's new aquatic center. Also pictured are fellow board members Felton Williams and Jon Meyer. View more photos of the celebration at lbschools.net.

CalSTRS Seminars

California State Teachers' Retirement System seminars will be offered on Wednesday, Nov. 13 and Tuesday, Dec. 10 at 1515 Hughes Way (Room 143) or Wednesday, Jan. 29 at the Teacher Resource Center (ABC Room). All of the seminars are scheduled for 3:30 to 5:30 p.m.

Presentation topics will include CalSTRS service retirement allowance and retirement options, along with updates on legislation and disability and survivor benefits. Staff from Human Resource Services and Risk Management will be available to answer questions.

Space is limited. RSVP by Friday, Nov. 8 at 997-8214.

Coffee Canceled

The Coffee with Chris meeting scheduled for Tuesday, Oct. 15 has been canceled. The next meeting is 4:30 p.m. Tuesday, Jan. 14 in the Tincher Preparatory School Library.

The meetings are held several times a year to encourage open dialogue between employees and Superintendent Christopher J. Steinhauer. View the schedule of meetings under Coffee with Chris in the A-Z index at lbschools.net.

In Memoriam

Roy Phillips
former principal
Aug. 25, 2013

Wyvona Bush
former teacher
Aug. 28, 2013

Edith May Roesener
former teacher
Sept. 13, 2013

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• National Award

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The courses were offered at no cost to the participants. Enrollment fees were covered by the Department of Labor National Emergency Grant, and courses, supplies, textbooks and parking were supported by the David and Lucile Packard Foundation, the S.D. Bechtel, Jr. Foundation and the Pacific Gateway Workforce Investment Network.

Most of the students in the first cohort passed the CSET and have filed for their credential, and many who responded to a questionnaire are currently employed.

For more information about the credential program, contact Regina Cash at 985-5827 or regina.cash@csulb.edu.

Beach High School Featured by ACSA

Beach High School's community partnerships are featured in the September/October edition of Leadership, the magazine of the Association of California School Administrators.

The article was co-written by Beach Principal Matt Saldaña and representatives from two of the school's partners, including the Outten Learning Center (at the Long Beach School for Adults) and Long Beach BLAST. Partnerships with these groups and the California Conference for Equality and Justice are detailed in the article.

Beach is an alternative education program assisting students with credit recovery and preparation for college and careers. ACSA members may view the full article in Leadership magazine at acsa.org.

Future Administrators

Leadership Development is now accepting applications for the Future Administrators Program (formerly called the Aspiring Assistant Principals Program). Certificated employees who hold a valid Administrative Services Credential, have at least three years of teaching experience, and are interested in becoming an assistant/vice principal should apply online and submit all application documents by Friday, Nov. 1. An optional informational meeting is scheduled for 4:15 p.m. Wednesday, Oct. 9 at Burcham K-8 School, Room 27. Learn more at lbschools.net under Leadership Development in the A-Z index.

CPR/First Aid Class

Two CPR/First Aid certification classes for classified employees will be offered by the Personnel Commission on Wednesday, Nov. 6. Classes will run from 9 a.m. to noon and from 1 to 4 p.m. at the Teacher Resource Center, ABC Room, 1299 E. 32nd St., Signal Hill.

This classified staff development event is subject to manager/supervisor approval for release time, and participants must be permanent classified employees.

To obtain a registration form, find Personnel Commission in the A-Z index at lbschools.net, then click on Classified Staff Development.