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Schools Honor 140 Business Partners

Schools in the Long Beach Unified School District have formed 140 more business partnerships this year, bringing the total to 1,212 new and ongoing partnerships.

The Association of Long Beach Educational Managers has donated plaques for schools to present to their new business partners in the coming weeks.

Securing the most new partnerships this year is Jordan High School, with 26.

Librarian of the Year

The Long Beach School Librarians Association recently awarded its Teacher Librarian of the Year Award to Becky Robbins at Stephens Middle School.

"This is a wonderful honor," Robbins said. "I love what I do. I love going to school every day. It's a great staff to work with, very supportive administrators, and I just couldn't ask for a better position."

Robbins' colleagues said she is passionate about providing students with outstanding library instruction and maximum access to the school library.

During non-instructional time, Robbins helps students select appropriate library material and offers assistance with homework. She is devoted to supporting her students' extracurricular activities, too, sponsoring a book club and walking club. She organizes career days and three book fairs each year.

Robbins serves as the School Site Council chair, coordinates the social committee and volunteers at Education Celebration events. She is also a past recipient of the Teachers Association of Long Beach Golden Apple Award.

INSPIRING – Ty Moss of the nonprofit Nile's Project and Addams Elementary School Principal Rosana Madrid-Arroyo present Addams student Josias Gallegos with a Most Inspiring Student Award. At right is Board of Education President John McGinnis. One student from each local school was honored.



Henry K-8 Earns Title I Achievement Award

Patrick Henry K-8 School is among 106 public schools recently named 2013-14 Title I Academic Achievement Award winners by State Superintendent of Public Instruction Tom Torlakson. The award goes to schools that, despite having significant numbers of disadvantaged students, continue to make exemplary progress.

"I am proud of what these schools have accomplished under often challenging circumstances," Torlakson said. "Their administrators and teachers are committed to giving their students every opportunity to gain the knowledge and skills that will help them in school and throughout their lives."

The Title I Academic Achievement Award is

given to schools receiving federal Title I funds as authorized by the Elementary and Secondary Education Act. Title I, the single largest federal educational program for K-12 public education, helps schools to meet the needs of students living at or below the poverty line.

Of the roughly 10,000 schools in California, more than 6,000 of them participate in the Title I program.

To receive this distinction, the school must demonstrate that all students are making significant progress toward proficiency on California's academic content standards. The school's socioeconomically disadvantaged students must have doubled the achievement targets set for them for two consecutive years.

Board to Review Draft Funding Plan

At its regular meeting on June 3, the Long Beach Unified School District Board of Education will review a draft plan to implement the state's new funding formula for schools. No action will be taken on the plan at this meeting.

The plan is a response to the state's approval of the Local Control Funding Formula (LCFF) for schools. The formula replaces the state's outdated and confusing school finance system with a more streamlined one that gives schools greater flexibility to use state funding based upon students' needs.

Shortly after the state's approval of the new formula last year, LBUSD embarked on a sweeping effort to engage the community in shaping its Local Control Accountability Plan (LCAP). The plan is required under the new formula. The draft LCAP spells out spending priorities and accountability measures to make certain that resources are used wisely. The school board may consider the plan for formal

approval on June 17.

In developing the plan, the school district received more than 2,700 survey responses to its initial outreach, and its LCAP committee – composed of 66 people from all walks of life – met four times to address the state's eight priorities and examine expenditures. The state's eight priority areas are student achievement, student engagement, parent engagement, school climate, implementation of Common Core standards, access to a broad curriculum, general basic services, and other student outcomes. The committee presented its recommendations to the school board in February. Those recommendations were incorporated into the draft plan after several additional meetings with multiple community groups.

The draft plan provides additional resources to schools districtwide while especially focusing on high-need schools, or those with large numbers of students living in poverty, English language learners and foster home students. The plan includes a list of proposed activities that will build upon each other over the next three years in a process of continuous improvement. Highlights of those activities, and the full text of the proposed plan, are available at lbschools.net.

Five Finalists Vying For Employee of Year

More than 30 nominations for the Classified Employee of the Year Award have been narrowed down to five finalists. The top winner is scheduled to be announced during the 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. Classified Employee Celebration on Friday, May 23 at the Teacher Resource Center, 1299 E. 32nd St., Signal Hill. The winning employee will be honored at noon.

Parking is available on site, and the event (Continued on next page)

VOLUNTEERS – Nurses from the Long Beach Unified School District raised \$2,165 at the recent Long Beach Ronald McDonald House walk. The nurses also volunteer regularly at the Ronald McDonald House, which provides a “home-away-from-home” for families so they can stay close by their hospitalized child at little or no cost.



• Employee of Year Finalists and Nominees

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The 33 nominations ultimately resulted in 15 nominees because some nominees received multiple nominations.

This year’s finalists are Joy Dowell, middle school office supervisor at Bancroft; Ken Jones, plant supervisor at Bryant; Debbie Maes, staff secretary at Buffum; Beatriz Nieves, campus security officer at Millikan; and Deborah Wall, administrative secretary at CDC.

The remainder of this year’s nominees are Gertrude Addison, instructional aide at Wilson; Joanne Begley, staff secretary at Nursing Services; Tonia Cotton, intermediate office assistant at Lakewood; Amy Curran, instructional aide at Lakewood; Paul Evans, instructional aide at Lakewood; David Gonzalez, warehouse materials processor at the Purchasing Warehouse; Dwayne Hundley, custodian at Lakewood; Ileana Lomeli, intermediate office assistant at Tincher; Michelle Olsen,

intermediate office assistant at MacArthur; and Jesus Sigala, custodian at Washington.

Nomination papers were submitted by colleagues and reviewed by a committee of classified employees. The winner and finalists also will be honored at an upcoming school board meeting.

The annual event is made possible by donations from private sponsors, organizations and school district managers and administrators.

Interview Bootcamp Thriving at 10 Years

The Long Beach Unified School District’s Youth Employment Network marked the tenth year of its annual Interview Bootcamp recently at the Lakewood Mall, where 40 business partners conducted job interviews with more than 100 LBUSD students.

As part of the school district’s effort to help prepare all students for success in college and careers, more than 540 interviews were scheduled, with each student participating in four to eight interviews.

The Youth Employment Network focuses on helping high school students and graduates successfully transition from school to the business environment. For more information, call the school district’s Transition Partnership Program at 986-6870, ext. 262.

Special Meeting

The Board of Education has scheduled a special meeting for 5 p.m. Monday, June 9 to discuss the school district’s budget. No action on the budget will be taken at this meeting.

The meeting will held in the Long Beach Unified School District Administration Building, 1515 Hughes Way, Long Beach.

In Memoriam

Charlotte Snow
former Records Office assistant
March 5, 2014

Elizabeth Buckner
recreation aide, Birney
April 29, 2014

Christine Roy
instructional aide, Stanford
May 3, 2014

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Resilient 8th Graders Receive 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 a minimum GPA of 2.0, 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: Angel Henry, Powell; Abel Aranda, Robinson; Darius Cotton, Jefferson; Kyndell Jasper-Rainey, Bancroft; and Jacob Johnson, Washington.

As part of the Lough Awards an additional \$180-per-year scholarship from the Frangesch Memorial Fund went to student Samuel Tanori Rodriguez of Hill.

The Frangesch award selection criteria are the same as those used for the Lough Awards.

Names in the News

Wilson Classical High School student **Karley Cable** earned a certificate of excellence from the Prudential Spirit of Community Awards and a President’s Volunteer Service Award granted by the program on behalf of President Barack Obama. The Prudential honor is given in partnership with the Association of Secondary School Principals. The student was honored for her community service and a public service announcement that she created with members of her high school dance team to show the dangers of texting while driving. The short film is titled “It Can Wait.”

Lindsey Middle School and Poly High School MESA (Math, Engineering, Science Achievement) teams took third place and second place respectively in the MESA Statewide Championship held recently at the University of the Pacific. The MESA advisor at Lindsey is **Adrienne Sandstedt**, and the advisor at Poly is **Masaru "Kent" Kawai**.

Celeste Goodwin, a sophomore at the California Academy of Mathematics and Science, was a finalist at History Day California recently in Riverside and was chosen from among all the competitors in her category to represent California at National History Day in Virginia this summer. Her entry was an exhibit titled “The Other Title IX: Failure to Close the Gender Gap in STEM (science, technology, engineering and math).”

Board of Education Member **Felton Williams** will be honored with a Humanitarian Award from the California Conference for Equality and Justice on Wednesday, May 21 during a 6:30 p.m. dinner at the Hyatt Regency, 200 S. Pine Ave., Long Beach. The non-profit CCEJ is dedicated to eliminating bias, bigotry and racism in America.

Retirement Events

Honoree	Date	Contact
Linda Singer	May 30	Norma Siler 434-7411
Patti Strait	June 6	Jan Conrad 434-7411