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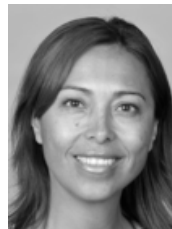
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New Assignments Fill 75 Key Positions

A total of 75 administrators start new assignments at schools and offices in the Long Beach Unified School District this fall.

Jill Baker was promoted to deputy superintendent of schools; she was assistant superintendent and chief academic officer, Elementary/K-8 Office. Ruth Ashley was promoted to deputy superintendent of education services; she was assistant superintendent, Human Resource Services and Leadership Development.

Tiffany Brown was promoted to assistant superintendent, School Support Services; she was director, Tucker Administrative Office. Pamela Seki earned promotion to assistant superintendent, OCIPD; she was director, OCIPD.

Kelly An was promoted to instructional director/principal supervisor, Elementary/K-8 Schools; she was principal, Tincher. Jay Camerino was promoted to instructional director/principal supervisor, Secondary Schools; she was principal of instruction at Jordan.

Promoted to principal are Kimberly Carpenter, Madison, was assistant principal, Dooley; Hugo Figueroa, Chavez, was assistant principal, Stephens; Rosemary Sissons, Tincher, was assistant principal, Roosevelt; Jacqueline Williams, Twain, was assistant prin-

cipal, Marshall; Salvador Madrigal Jr., Stephens, was assistant principal, Lindbergh; Scott Fleming, MacArthur, was assistant principal, Rogers; and Lorena Moreno, Lindsey, was assistant principal, Washington. Promoted to principal of instruction are Diane Prince, Poly, was principal, Stephens; and William Salas, Jordan, was assistant principal, Wilson.

Reassigned to principal are Armando Duenas, from Madison to Addams; Rosana Madrid-Arroyo, from Addams to Bixby; Ellen Ryan, from Twain to Cleveland; Kimberly Weber, from Chavez to King; Juan Gutierrez, from MacArthur to Kettering; and Stephanie Cooper, from Lindsey to Hoover. Coming out of retirement to serve as acting principal are Karen Williams, Webster; and Rosalind Morgan, Franklin.

Earning promotion to assistant principal are Lisa Colburn, Muir, was teacher on special assignment, Garfield; Chris Eckert, Roosevelt, was program specialist II, OCIPD; Veronica Madrigal, Barton, was counselor, Barton; Matthew Monaghan, Dooley, was teacher, Burnett; Brenda Ocampo, Lafayette, was teacher on special assignment, Burnett; Donna Ryono, Robinson, was teacher on special assignment, Elementary Office; Athena Uribe,

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7 High Schools Again Among Best in U.S.

The national Daily Beast website includes seven local schools on its latest list of America's top high schools. The Daily Beast, formerly affiliated with Newsweek, used six indicators culled from school surveys to compare public high schools in the U.S., with graduation and college acceptance rates weighed most heavily. Other criteria included college-level courses and exams, percentage of students qualifying for free or reduced lunch, as well as SAT and ACT scores. Only 735 high schools nationwide made the final cut.

The seven local schools and their national rankings are California Academy of Mathematics and Science, 316; Renaissance, 541; Lakewood, 581; Wilson, 593; Poly, 654; Millikan, 628; and Avalon, 720.

The Daily Beast contacted public schools with above-average graduation rates of at least 85 percent. About 1,200 public schools completed an initial survey. The Daily Beast then compared college acceptance rates, academic rigor based upon college prep classes and test scores, and finally, student performance on college admission exams.

Learn more at thedailybeast.com.

Students Take, Pass Many More AP Tests

LBUSD will cover most of the AP exam costs for parents this school year.

Students in the Long Beach Unified School District took nearly 9,000 Advanced Placement college level exams in 2014. That's a 20 percent increase over the prior year, and a 154 percent increase over the past 10 years.

The numbers are expected to increase again this school year because LBUSD plans to help parents pay for the exams, which can cost hundreds of dollars per student when tests are taken in multiple subjects.

The 2014 data show students not only taking the exams in record numbers, but passing them in record numbers. More than 4,429 students earned a passing score of at least 3 out of 5 this year. A passing score allows students to earn college credit, which can save parents thousands of dollars on college tuition. Some high school graduates here begin college having already earned a year or more of credit toward their degree.

LBUSD will now provide students with greater access to AP exams by covering much of the cost for students and parents. AP exams cost \$89 each, but this school year students will pay only \$5 per exam for an unlimited number of exams. For each exam, students will deposit \$15 and receive a \$10 rebate once the exam is taken. This means that for a

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Board Renames Burnett, Hill Schools

The Long Beach Unified School District Board of Education approved new names for two schools this week. Burnett Elementary School will be called Bobbie Smith Elementary School, while Hill Classical Middle School will become Eunice Sato Academy of Math and Science.

The name change for Burnett will go into effect later this fall. Hill will keep its name while the middle school is phased out to make room for the Sato Academy, a high school that will accept its first freshman class next school year.

Smith was the first African American member on LBUSD's school board, where she served from 1988 to 2004. She completed four terms as president on the school board during major reforms that earned national recognition, including the implementation of school uniforms and standards-based instruction, and she worked for more than 20 years as a librarian at Long Beach City College. Smith is a life member and Golden Heritage member of the Long Beach Branch NAACP, life member and past president of the National Council of Negro Women in Long Beach, and the recipient of numerous honors and awards from national and local organizations.



Smith

Hill will be renamed after former Long Beach Mayor Eunice Sato, who was the city's first female mayor. Sato also served as president of the California Conference for Equality and Justice, and she was involved in the Parent Teacher Association and various community organizations.

While Sato was attending San Jose City College during World War II, the government began interning Japanese Americans in camps. Instead of being removed to a camp, Sato fled with her mother and siblings to the mountains of Colorado, where their relatives lived.

She later earned a teaching degree and a master's degree from Columbia University, and she spent three years in Japan as a missionary teaching English.



Sato

• AP Tests

(Continued from first page) student who takes five AP exams, the tests will cost \$25 instead of \$445. This offer applies to students in grades 8 to 12 (some students take AP courses as early as eighth grade).

LBUSD was one of the first school districts to pay for and require students to take the PSAT exam in tenth grade, helping to identify more students who have the potential to attend college. Last school year, LBUSD covered the cost of at least two AP exams for all high school seniors, while seniors at Jordan and Cabrillo high schools were offered an unlimited number of free AP exams.

High school juniors this school year also will receive free SAT preparation, and the school district will cover the cost of the SAT college entrance exam for these students.

Funding is made possible through the state's Local Control Funding Formula, or LCFF, proposed by California Gov. Jerry Brown and approved by the state Legislature in 2013. The LCFF provides greater flexibility as to how certain state funds are used by local schools.

Future Administrators

Leadership Development will accept applications for the Future Administrators Program beginning Monday, Sept. 8.

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 no later than 4:30 p.m. Friday, Sept. 19.

Optional informational meetings are scheduled for 7:30 to 8 a.m. or 3:15 to 3:45 p.m. on Tuesday, Sept. 16. RSVP to Janelle Harmon at jharmon@lbschools.net for the location.

Learn more at lbschools.net under Leadership Development in the A-Z index.

• Promotions and Reassignments

(Continued from first page) Lee, was teacher on Special Assignment, Lee; Maria Yepez, Harte, was teacher, Muir; Laura Cernok, Franklin, was program specialist, OCIPD; Eddie Cruz, Wilson, was activities specialist, Jordan; Dawn Lomeli, Lindbergh, was teacher, Renaissance; Rachel Peters, Stephens, was teacher on special assignment, Cabrillo; Lushandra Prioleau, Marshall, was teacher on special assignment, Cabrillo; Helen Magana, Washington, was teacher, Powell; Cassandra Fanton, Hughes, was teacher, Harte; Wendy Poffenberger, CAMS, was teacher, Jordan; Juan Gonzalez, Burnett/Hudson, was teacher, Lee; Angela Hines, Washington, was program specialist, Nelson; and Tynisha Smith, Poly, was program specialist, Hughes.

Reassigned to assistant principal are Jenny Ramos, from Grant/Harte to Grant; Andrew Buggs, from Hughes to Rogers; Susan Laffiche, from 0.5 Renaissance to 1.0 Renaissance; Mona Merlo, from High School Office to Jordan/Lakewood/High School Office; and Kathleen Reed, from High School Office to Jefferson. Angela Suttles becomes assistant principal at Addams; she was administrative assistant, Special Education. Damon Sewell was hired from outside the district to become assistant principal, Hughes. George Tsai was rehired to become assistant principal

at Hoover.

Promoted to program specialist are Donna Robertson, Burbank, was teacher, Lafayette; Danyett Armstrong, Hamilton, was teacher, Hoover; Angela Hines, Nelson, was teacher, Marshall; Tynisha Smith, Hughes, was teacher, Jordan; Rebecca Taylor, Lincoln, was teacher on special assignment, Lincoln; John Nhan, Marshall, was teacher, McKinley; Julie Sparks, Beach, was teacher, Beach; Amy Pendray, OCIPD, was teacher on special assignment, OCIPD; and Anne Oberjurgue, OCIPD, was teacher on special assignment, OCIPD.

Reassigned program specialists are Dulnari Edirisinghe-Aga, from Jefferson to Poly; Daniel Ho-Ching, from Special Projects to OCIPD; and Rebecca Afghani, from OCIPD to Math 6-12 OCIPD;

Earning promotion are Gabriela Arredondo, from counselor at Poly (RIF) to counselor/head counselor at Jordan; Maria Teresa Retegun, from counselor at Jordan (RIF) to counselor/head counselor at Jordan; My Ngoc Nguyen, from teacher at Jordan to activities specialist at Poly; Lamarr Biffle, from teacher at Jordan to activities specialist at Jordan; and Jennifer Macklin, from counselor at PAAL to head counselor at Avalon.

Kimberly Johnson earned promotion to head counselor, EACCR Office; she was counselor, Wilson. Rachel Heenan earned promotion to program administrator, Special Education; she was program specialist, Special Education. Wendy Rosenquist was promoted to administrative assistant, Special Education; she was program specialist, Special Education.

Newly assigned are Frank Gutierrez, director/principal liaison, Elementary - K-8/Secondary, was director, Elementary Office; Cecilia Santos-Camerino, elementary/K-8 principal coach, Deputy Superintendent, was principal at King; and Douglas Jordan, assistant director, Deputy Superintendent, was assistant principal, Hoover.

Erin Simon was hired from Redondo Beach USD to become director, Student Support Services. Seema Paul was hired from LACOE to become administrative assistant, Student Support Services.

In Memoriam

William Davidson
assistant principal, Poly
July 12, 2014

Lessie Jenkins
former teacher
July 16, 2014

Pamela Thomas
teacher, Cabrillo
Aug. 13, 2014

Chakhan Washington
nutrition services worker, Barton
Aug. 15, 2014

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School Therapist to Accept CCEJ Honor

Long Beach Unified School District special education occupational therapist Arnel Calvario will be among the honorees at the annual Gene Lentzner Human Relations Awards held by the California Conference for Equality and Justice.

The event is scheduled for 6:30 p.m. Thursday, Oct. 23 at Keesal, Young and Logan at 400 Oceangate, Long Beach. A 5:30 p.m. reception will precede the main dinner program.

The awards, now in their 26th year, are given in the name of Gene Lentzner because of his life-long commitment to bringing diverse people together to improve human relations in the greater Long Beach area.

Other honorees at the event will include Lian Cheun, executive director of Khmer Girls in Action, and Anitra Dempsey, executive director of the Citizen Police Complaint Department with the City of Long Beach.

CCEJ is a human relations organization dedicated to confronting bias, bigotry and racism through education, conflict resolution and advocacy.

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

Names in the News

Alepis Hernandez, a member of the Millikan High School Class of 2014, won first place in U.S. Congressman Alan Lowenthal's annual high school art competition. Hernandez was invited to a reception in Washington, D.C., where her artwork is displayed in the U.S. Capitol. Wilson Classical High School student **Quincy Irving** earned third place and the right to display his artwork in the congressman's Long Beach office for a year.

Poly High School Student **Stephan Kaminsky** was recognized for his entry into the inaugural year of the U.S. House of Representatives Student App Challenge, which is part of a science, technology, engineering and math competition. His app was to be featured on the U.S. House of Representatives website.

Long Beach Unified School District Board of Education Vice President **Felton Williams** represented LBUSD at the White House recently when President Barack Obama and the Council of the Great City Schools announced a pledge to improve the academic and social outcomes of boys and young men of color. Williams also was recently named secretary-treasurer of the Council of the Great City Schools, a group of the nation's largest school districts.

Ten local students earned gold medals in the Long Beach Branch 2014 ACT-SO competition. ACT-SO stands for Afro-Academic Cultural, Technological and Scientific Olympics and is a youth initiative of the NAACP. Winners were **Krystal Ball** of Poly (short story category); **Neyah Barbee** of Poly (drawing); **Nia Barbee** of Poly (instrumental music and classical poetry); **Taryne Chatma** of Millikan (oratory); **Kandise LaBlanc** of Poly (vocal classical and contemporary music); **Grace Nyenke** of the California Academy of Mathematics and Science (filmmaking/video); **Zori Ray** of Poly (entrepreneurship); **Monica Rodriguez** of Poly (painting); **Amber Russell** of Poly (instrumental contemporary music); and **Brenda Tran** of Cabrillo (dance).

GOT A MINUTE?

Jordan High School's graduation ceremony is among the scenes from "Every Student, Every Day," a new, one-minute video atop lbschools.net summarizing some of the Long Beach Unified School District's major accolades and accomplishments.



Jordan High to Pilot Pre-Apprentice Courses

Jordan High School is one of nine California high schools that will participate in a pilot project this fall designed to help students earn pre-apprenticeships into the construction trade industries, State Superintendent of Public Instruction Tom Torlakson announced recently.

As part of this pilot project, the nine California Partnership Academies will use the "MC3" program. Standing for "Multi-Craft Core Curriculum," the course of study will lead students to a better-than-entry-level position or pre-apprenticeship in the construction trades. The curriculum includes: building trades math; labor history; training to recognize and prevent hazards in construction sites; first aid and CPR training; and an introduction to the trade industries. The MC3 program had previously been used only at the college level.

"Career technical education gets at the heart

of what we want for our students: real-world skills and knowledge that will allow them to succeed outside our classrooms," Torlakson said. "The MC3 program makes clear to students that what they are learning in school can have a direct effect on their careers after they leave school, keeping them engaged in their own learning."

A CPA is a three-year high school program structured as a school-within-a-school. Academies integrate academic and career technical education, business partnerships, mentoring, and internships designed to give students hands-on learning experiences. The Architecture, Construction and Engineering Academy of Long Beach, launched in 2007 at Jordan, will be part of the pilot project.

Career technical education teachers in the pilot project CPAs have received training from their partner industry professionals and earned certifications to teach the MC3 program. Teachers will now design lessons to assure students are prepared for each succeeding step, ultimately building up to a "capstone" course. The capstone course prepares students for a pre-apprenticeship position in the construction trade industries or for further training in college or certification programs.

Dates to Remember

September

5	Library Card Sign-Up Month 10:00, 11:30, 12:00, 12:30 — "Getting to School the Safe Way," Grades 1-5, ed.tv 8
7	Grandparents' Day
8	International Literacy Day
9	California Admission Day 10:00, 11:30, 12:00, 12:30, 2:00; 25 - 9:30, 10:00, 11:30, 12:00, 12:30 — "School Bus Safety," Grades 3-5, ed.tv 8
10	8:00, 10:15, 11:30, 1:00, 2:00 — "Native American Day," Grades K-3, ed.tv 8
11	Patriot Day
11	9:30, 10:00, 11:30, 12:00, 12:30 — "School Bus and the Exceptional Child," Grades K-12, ed.tv 8
12	10:00, 11:30, 12:00, 12:30 — "Beginning Responsibility: Learning to Follow Instructions," Grades 1-3, ed.tv 8
15-Oct. 15	Hispanic Heritage Month
15-Oct. 16	Mexican Independence Days
16	Mayflower Day
16	10:00, 11:30, 12:00, 12:30, 2:00 — "Staying Out of Trouble With Your Friends," Grades 3-4, ed.tv 8
17	Citizenship Day
17	8:00, 10:15, 11:30, 1:00, 2:00 — "Pocahontas," Grades 3-8, ed.tv 8
17-23	Constitution Week
18	9:30, 10:00, 11:30, 12:00, 12:30 — "Ask For It," Grades 1-2, ed.tv 8
19	10:00, 11:30, 12:00, 12:30 — "Beginning Responsibility: A Lunch Room Goes Bananas," Grades K-3, ed.tv 8
23	First Day of Autumn
23	Back to School Night — Elementary Schools
23	10:00, 11:30, 12:00, 12:30, 2:00 — "Columbus," Grades 3-5, ed.tv 8
24	8:00, 10:15, 11:30, 1:00, 2:00 — "Christopher Columbus," Grades 2-8, ed.tv 8
24-26	Rosh Hashanah
26	10:00, 11:30, 12:00, 12:30 — "Getting to School Safely Is Your Job," Grades K-3, ed.tv 8
30	Back to School Night — Middle Schools
30	10:00, 11:30, 12:00, 12:30, 2:00 — "The Columbus Controversy: Challenging How History is Written," Grades 7-12, ed.tv 8

Fee-Based Preschool

The Long Beach Unified School District is offering year-round, fee-based preschool at Emerson and Tincher schools as a full-day program, and at Gant school as a part-day program. Instruction is provided by certified preschool teachers and is integrated with the school district's elementary school curriculum. The cost is \$825 per month for the full-day program, and \$425 per month for part-day.

Children must be at least three years old to join the program. For registration or additional information contact Diane Karidakis at 430-6810 or the enrollment center at 422-3928.

Attendance Month

"I'm In" is a countywide campaign during September to emphasize the importance of school attendance. The Long Beach Unified School District is working with its schools and the community to promote the value of regular attendance.

Valuable resources for parents, teachers and others can found at attendanceworks.org.