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COLLEGE PROMISE – Jewell Williams, Michael Williams, Jr. from Rogers Middle School, and Michael Williams, Sr. attended the annual celebration of The Long Beach College Promise. The Rogers student was one of 24 local eighth graders to receive scholarships at the event.



Significant Progress for College Promise

Long Beach Unified School District Superintendent Christopher J. Steinhauser, Long Beach City College Superintendent-President Eloy Ortiz Oakley, California State University, Long Beach President Jane Close Conoley and Long Beach Mayor Robert Garcia gathered last week to share successes of The Long Beach College Promise during a celebration event.

Addressing an audience of about 300 at the waterfront Hotel Maya, the leaders provided data regarding college readiness, college enrollment, guaranteed college admission, tuition-free courses, internships and early childhood education. State Assemblymember Patrick O'Donnell, who chairs the Assembly Education Committee, received the College Promise Champion Award for his efforts to help fund replication of The Promise statewide.

The Port of Long Beach was recognized as a Promise Partner for its support of the initiative through internships and other programs.

At the annual event, officials also awarded 24 scholarships ranging from \$50 to \$250 to eighth graders who have shown academic improvement, and Southern California Edison presented a \$20,000 check to support The Promise.

In less than a decade The Long Beach College Promise has become a national model, influencing America's College Promise, supported by President Obama, and dozens of local initiatives throughout California and the nation. Most recently, the U.S. Department of Education released its September 2016 "The America's College Promise Playbook" featuring Long Beach among exemplary programs.

Local leaders detailed several other recent successes at the event.

At the K-12 level:

- Students in LBUSD signed up for more than 13,000 Advanced Placement college-level exams in 2016, an 82.4 percent increase in four years.

- Class of 2016 graduates in LBUSD earned \$93.6 million in scholarships and grants, a five-fold increase since a decade ago.

- About 75 percent of LBUSD's high school graduates now enroll in college within one year (and 80 percent within two years).

At the community college level:

- Nearly 13,000 students have received a free semester of college at LBCC.

- In 2016, LBCC expanded its tuition-free education to one full academic year for qualified LBUSD graduates.

- Of the LBUSD seniors who go on to enroll at a two-year college, 88 percent enroll at LBCC.

At the university level:

- The number of LBUSD graduates

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Teachers of the Year Share Key Insights

Three Long Beach Unified School District teachers were honored at a recent Board of Education meeting as Teachers of the Year.

Two of the three also earned the Los Angeles County Teacher of the Year honor and advanced for consideration as California Teacher of the Year.

Irma Magaña teaches English at Lakewood High School; Debbie Holland teaches psychology at Poly High School; and Susan Watson teaches Japanese at Poly High School.

Holland and Watson earned the L.A. County honor. All three were honored at a recent event hosted by the Los Angeles County Office of Education for top teachers throughout the county.

Magaña felt that her first years of teaching were "a struggle," but worked to become an inspiring teacher who uses that perspective to encourage her students to achieve more than they thought possible.

"I grew up in a tough neighborhood, and I think growing up in a challenging environment prepared me for understanding the challenges that some of my students experience," Magaña said. "I always tell my students to reach for more, not just be satisfied with what they have. I think about the teachers in my own high school who never gave up on students like me. I help students understand that success is possible with hard work."

Holland returned to the classroom after 15 years as a school administrator.

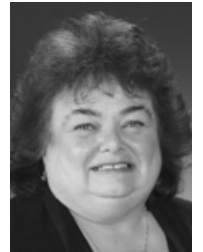
"My career has gone full circle over the last 35 years," Holland said. "I have evidence through my current and former students that I have made a difference in their lives, and mine has been enriched by my time spent with them."

"A few years ago, at my husband's funeral, I looked into the crowd and recognized many of my former students sitting there providing me the support that in the past I had given them. Many had their parents and families

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Magaña



Holland



Watson

Q&A on Measure E

Measure E is the Long Beach Unified School District Repair and Safety Measure to improve outdated classrooms and neighborhood schools by upgrading technology, labs, career education classrooms, electrical systems and wiring. If approved, the measure also would improve handicapped accessibility and earthquake safety, upgrade bathrooms, fire alarms, fire sprinklers and security cameras, remove lead paint and asbestos, and fund installation of air conditioning to improve student performance. Top priorities also include upgrading indoor and outdoor athletic and physical education facilities.

The LBUSD Board of Education voted to place Measure E on the Nov. 8 ballot.

Find Measure E questions and answers by viewing the Information Sheet posted under Measure E in the A-Z index at lbschools.net.

Students Explore Aviation Careers

The Aeroplex/Aerolease Group and Signature Flight Support together with the Long Beach Airport and Jet Blue recently hosted a day-long aviation careers tour for 50 local high school students, introducing them to career and job opportunities in aviation. The students visited and spoke with the heads of various aviation and aerospace-related businesses at the airport.

The visit was part of LBUSD's Youth Employment Network program. Students visited Aeroplex Aviation, Signature Flight Support, LA Helicopters, SoCal Jet Services, Duncan Avionics, ASIG, Long Beach Airport offices and JetBlue.

Aeroplex/Aerolease Group is an aviation property management and consulting company.

Visit www.aeroplex.net for more information.

Bowling League

The Long Beach School Employees Bowling League will meet at 4 p.m. Wednesday, Oct. 19 at Cal Bowl, 2400 Carson St., Lakewood. The first bowling session of the new season is scheduled for 4 p.m. Wednesday, Oct. 26.

Contact Dan Ewaskey at 506-4622 for additional information.

Dates to Remember

October	
	Character Education Month
	Energy Awareness Month
	National Principals Month
	Crime Prevention Month
	National Bullying Prevention Month
2-4	Rosh Hashanah
3	Child Health Day
4	Back to School Night — High Schools
4	9:00, 9:30, 10:00, 11:30, 12:00, 12:30, 1:00, 2:00— "You Can Refuse," Grades 5-8, ed.tv 8
5	International Walk to School Day
5	8:00, 10:15, 11:30, 1:00, 2:00— "Harriet Tubman," Grades 3-8, ed.tv 8
6	9:30, 10:00, 11:30, 12:00, 12:30— "Beginning Responsibility: Learning To Be a Good Sport," Grades K-3, ed.tv 8
7	10:00, 11:30, 12:00, 12:30— "First Tuesday," Grade 12, ed.tv 8
9	Anniversary of Benjamin Banneker's Death
9-15	Fire Prevention Week
10	Columbus Day/Discoverers' Day
10-14	National School Lunch Week
11-12	Yom Kippur (Day of Atonement)
11	9:00, 9:30, 10:00, 11:30, 12:00, 12:30, 1:00, 2:00— "Library World," Grades K-3, ed.tv 8
12	8:00, 10:15, 11:30, 1:00, 2:00— "Halloween," Grades K-4, ed.tv 8
13	9:30, 10:00, 11:30, 12:00, 12:30— "Going To School Is Your Job," Grades K-3, ed.tv 8
14	10:00, 11:30, 12:00, 12:30— "Shape Hunting: Circles, Triangles, Rectangles, Squares," Grades K-3, ed.tv 8
15	White Cane Day
17	National Bosses Day
17-21	National Character Counts Week
17-21	National School Bus Safety Week
18	9:00, 9:30, 10:00, 11:30, 12:00, 12:30, 1:00, 2:00— "The Reference Section," Grades 6-8, ed.tv 8
20	9:30, 10:00, 11:30, 12:00, 12:30— "If Books Could Talk," Grades 1-3, ed.tv 8
21	10:00, 11:30, 12:00, 12:30— "Operation School Bus Safety: Be Cool, Follow the Rules," Grades K-2, ed.tv 8
22	Make a Difference Day
23-31	Red Ribbon Week
24	United Nations Day
25	9:00, 9:30, 10:00, 11:30, 12:00, 12:30, 1:00, 2:00— "Molly's Pilgrim," Grades 2-8, ed.tv 8
26	8:00, 10:15, 11:30, 1:00, 2:00— "Louis Pasteur," Grades 4-8, ed.tv 8
27	9:30, 10:00, 11:30, 12:00, 12:30— "Taking Care of Your School Building," Grades K-3, ed.tv 8
28	10:00, 11:30, 12:00, 12:30— "America's Veterans," Grades 4-9, ed.tv 8
31	Halloween

• Success of College Promise Celebrated

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• Graduation rates at CSULB have significantly increased for Latinos, African Americans and Asians.

Citywide:

• Approximately 2,600 internships have been added.

• Approximately 900 additional children have enrolled in preschool.

Eight years ago, LBUSD, LBCC and CSULB committed to The Long Beach College Promise, extending the promise of a college education to every LBUSD student. The City of Long Beach signed onto a renewed and expanded version of The Promise in October 2014. The Promise aims to fulfill the potential of all youth by providing continuous support along every step of the student experience, from pre-K through college and onto career and life. The effort's significant gains in college readiness and enrollment have attracted the attention of policy makers at the state and national levels.

Elements of The Promise include:

• Increased access to early childhood education

• College tours for all 4th and 5th graders

• A middle school pledge by students and parents, committing to college readiness

Pink Patch Project Funds Cancer Fight

School Safety officers in the Long Beach Unified School District are part of the 2016 Pink Patch Project to raise awareness about cancer prevention and to fund research, treatment and care of those who battle, or have battled, cancer. The collaborative effort includes the Los Angeles County Police Chief's Association and many other Los Angeles County police agencies. Throughout the month of October, participating agencies will sell commemorative pink law enforcement patches with all profits going to the project. During October, uniformed personnel will proudly wear their pink patches as a reminder of their dedication and commitment to the effort.

To purchase a commemorative LBUSD patch for \$10, contact Officer Danny Coronel at dcoronel@lbschools.net or 997-8006. Follow #PinkPatchProject on Instagram, Twitter and Facebook. Proceeds go to the Todd Cancer Institute at Long Beach Memorial Medical Center.

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• A tuition-free year at LBCC
• Guaranteed admission to CSULB for LBUSD graduates meeting basic requirements

"Today is a celebration of our students, who are wisely taking advantage of the opportunities that The Long Beach College Promise offers," LBUSD Superintendent Steinhauer said at the event.

"More students are excelling in advanced, college prep coursework in high school, and more of our graduates are enrolling in college right here in Long Beach," Steinhauer said. "Congratulations to these students and to everyone who contributes to their success."

Classmate Saved by Heimlich Maneuver

Lakewood High School Navy JROTC cadet Reymond Santos earned the ROTC's highest award – the Meritorious Achievement Ribbon – for saving a classmate last June by using the Heimlich maneuver.

Cadet Santos, who was honored at a recent school board meeting, had completed the first aid section of the ROTC curriculum, including practice of the Heimlich maneuver, in mid-May. In early June, the cadet was eating lunch in the NJROTC classroom when another cadet began choking on a large piece of pizza that caused a complete obstruction of the throat. Without hesitation, cadet Santos quickly assessed the fellow cadet's condition and applied the Heimlich maneuver. Eventually the pizza popped out and landed a few feet away from the choking cadet, who had no lasting injuries.

• Teachers of the Year

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Watson spent years studying to become fluent in Japanese, despite the words of one teacher who told her that would never happen.

"As a teacher, looking back on it now, I am horrified that I was told this, as if it were the truth," Watson said. "What would have happened had I listened to that professor? I never would have known that feeling of success when you can communicate with someone in a foreign language.

"My proudest moments as a teacher come when my students experience success, whether it be conquering a complex grammar structure, understanding what is written on a train ticket, or being able to have a conversation in Japanese. Those small victories, when strung together, show them what they are capable of."

In Memoriam

Janet S. King
former teacher
Sept. 3, 2016