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Ten Teachers Earn National Certification

Ten teachers in the Long Beach Unified School District recently earned National Certification, the highest professional distinction in teaching.

More than 150 teachers here have earned the honor over the years. The rigorous certification is a year-long process that involves submitting portfolios, videotaping classroom instruction and participating in a day of written exercises.

The newest nationally certified teacher is Celia Victoria of Lincoln Elementary School.

Teachers who recently earned renewal of the certification are Laura Barlow, King; Kristine Diehl, Signal Hill; Renee Gonzalez-Gomez, Lincoln; James Orihuela, Keller; Stephanie Sasaki, Jefferson; Joanne Ujite, Birney; Deidre Wood, Millikan; Michelle Woolwine, Cleveland; and Dunia Zeineddine, Poly.

Each of the teachers was honored with a certificate at a recent LBUSD Board of Education meeting.

National Board Certification is valid for ten years. Teachers can renew their certification by completing a portfolio to demonstrate professional growth.

Learn more at lbschools.net under National Certification in the A-Z index.

Millikan Senior Wins County Poetry Prize

Millikan High School Senior Cennemi Diaz captivated the audience with her recitation of Nick Flynn's "Cartoon Physics Part 1," winning the top prize at the 10th Annual Los Angeles County Poetry Out Loud contest held recently at the Cerritos Center for the Performing Arts.

Diaz set the stage by reciting Tony
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TOP PRIZE – Millikan High School senior Cennemi Diaz earned first place in the countywide Poetry Out Loud competition. She proceeds to the state finals later this month.

LIFTOFF – Fifth graders at Signal Hill Elementary School marvel at the launch of an air-powered rocket. The students used PVC pipe, soda bottles, and know-how provided by Sato Academy of Mathematics and Science students during National Engineering Week.



'My Best Day in 30 Years as an Educator'

Students from the Sato Academy of Mathematics and Science visited fifth graders at 22 elementary schools recently to celebrate National Engineering Week and tackle some hands-on engineering activities.

The students designed tin-foil boats, testing them to see which would hold the greatest amount of cargo. They created wind-powered vehicles, checking to see which could travel a set distance the fastest. Other students designed and tested air-powered rockets and hoop gliders.

"The day went way beyond our expectations in terms of positive impact on the elementary students, the Sato students and all teachers involved," Sato Principal Mona Merlo said. "Personally, that was my best day in 30 years of being in education."

The aim was to recognize the importance of math and science, and their application to problem solving.

Key to organizing the visits was Sato teacher Lenny Perez, who recently earned a regional Educator of the Year Award given by the California League of High Schools and California League of Middle Schools.

Perez is a master teacher for Project Lead the Way, a leading science, technology, engineering and math curriculum. At Sato, he teaches introduction to engineering design, as well as a course on digital electronics.

The Long Beach Unified School District opened Sato Academy as a small high school in the fall of 2015 on the former Hill Classical Middle School campus.

Sato is modeled after LBUSD's nationally recognized California Academy of Mathematics and Science, or CAMS, located on the campus of Cal State Dominguez Hills. CAMS has been recognized for academic excellence by U.S. News and World Report, the Washington Post, USA Today and the U.S. Department of Education, among others.

The elementary schools collaborating with Sato on the National Engineering Week activities included Addams, Alvarado, Barton, Burbank, Burcham, Carver, Cleveland, Dooley, Edison, Emerson, Gant, Henry, Kettering, King, Longfellow, Los Cerritos, Madison, Naples, Prisk, Signal Hill, Webster and Willard.

My City, My River Art Exhibit at LBMA

The Long Beach Museum of Art is hosting the 2017 middle school exhibition "My City, My River" through March 12. Long Beach Unified School District middle school art and science students were invited to submit works of art focusing on the renovation of the Los Angeles River, led by world-renowned architect Frank Gehry.

Students were asked to connect the revitalization of the L.A. River to the broader theme of community green space. The museum juried the works of art and selected 55 pieces.

The exhibition includes artwork from students at Franklin, Hoover, Powell, Rogers and Tincher schools.



• Poetry Winner

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Hoagland's poem "Personal" and captured first place, topping 16 other competing students from throughout the county. Find this article at lbschools.net to view a video of her recitation.

"I chose poems to give the message of child-like happiness we don't have to give up," Diaz said. "I was shocked when I turned 18. How did I become an adult so fast? It's too sudden, too fast. I don't have to grow up all at once."

The Los Angeles County Office of Education organized Poetry Out Loud in partnership with the California Arts Council and the National Endowment for the Arts.

Poetry Out Loud is a national arts education program that encourages the study of great poetry by offering educational materials and a dynamic recitation competition.

Diaz proceeds to the California State Finals on March 12 to 13 in Sacramento. The National Finals will be held April 25 to 26 in Washington, D.C.

Summer Jobs

The Personnel Commission is accepting applications for employees interested in Extended School Year (ESY)/Summer Employment for 2017. To qualify for summer employment, the applicant must be a permanent/probationary classified employee working on less than a 12-month calendar.

Instructions on accessing electronic or paper applications are available under Personnel Commission in the A-Z index at lbschools.net (then select Summer School Information).

The deadline to apply is 4:30 p.m. Friday, March 17.

Art Show Winners

More than 200 people attended the Norman Gottlieb Youth Art Show award reception recently at the Alpert Jewish Community Center in Long Beach.

Students winners at the high school level were: first place, Daisy Vazquez of Millikan; second place, Shereen Moustafa of Millikan; and third place, Monineath April Ray of Poly. Honorable Mention went to Skye Buchanan of Wilson; Emma Hastie of Poly; Enrique Martinez of Poly; Kyle Masukawa of CAMS; Andreama Santos-How of Poly; and Chelsea Talavera of Millikan. Ryan Sanchez of McBride won the JCC "Staff Pick" award. In the new category of high school digital art, winners were: first place, Elizabeth Sandoval of Poly; second place, Corbin Moore of McBride; and third place, Hoang Nguyen of Cabrillo.

Winners at the middle school level were: first place, Katherine Osborne of Hoover; second place, Jade Vigil of Marshall; and third place, Cherish Washington of Hoover. Honorable Mention went to Juan Barreras of Marshall; Emma Carlson of Bancroft; Brianna Hardy of Stanford; Sydney Seng of Bancroft; and Khanh Truong of Hoover. Doris Chang of Rogers won the JCC "Staff Pick" award.

JCC Board of Directors Awards went to Dawn Kaufman of Rogers Middle School and David Martinez of Cabrillo High School.

Teachers Kathy Charvat of Millikan High School and Christine Yu of Hoover Middle School both received the Honigan Award for Inspired Visual Arts Education.

Young Writer Earns Bilingual Ed Award

Second grader Sofia Avila of Henry K-5 Dual Immersion School won the top prize in the K-2 division of a student writing contest sponsored by the California Association for Bilingual Education. She will be honored Friday, March 31 at the Anaheim Marriott during a Seal of Excellence banquet ceremony, where she'll receive a certificate and \$200. The writing contest focused on the many advantages of being bilingual and biliterate, with the theme, "How does being bilingual/multilingual make dreams come true?"

CTC Login Change

The procedure for educators to log into the CTC (Commission on Teacher Credentialing) online changed as of Feb. 16. Educators are required to create a user name and password to access their existing profile. This login replaces the old system of social security and birthdate information. The process for educators to create the new login is set up to be as automated as possible. Instructions can be found on the CTC web site. A visual sample of the new login screen is available at <http://www.ccacteam.com/wp-content/uploads/2017/02/sample-of-new-log-in-page-1.pdf>.

Transfer Requests

Human Resource Services is now accepting transfer requests from teachers who wish to change school sites for the 2017-18 school year. Please refer to the Teachers Association of Long Beach Agreement, Article VIII for guidelines.

Applications are available at lbschools.net through the LBUSD portal using your district username and password, or under Human Resource Services in the A-Z index (then select For Current Employees). Computers are also available in the HRS lobby. Requests for Transfer forms also are available at schools and the TALB office.

Teachers may submit requests for transfer whether or not that position appears as a vacancy. Transfer requests are valid through the end of the first seven student days of the following traditional school year. The deadline to apply for transfers is May 1. For more information, call ext. 8658.

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Kindergarten Fest

Kindergarten Festivals for incoming 2017-18 kindergartners and their families include parent workshops, free school supplies, dental screenings and lots of fun activities.

The final festival of the school year is planned for 9 a.m. to noon (registration begins at 8:45 a.m.) on March 11 at Burcham Elementary School, 5610 Monlaco Road, Long Beach.

For more information, call 435-4080, ext. 19.

Dates to Remember

March

	American Red Cross Month
	Music in Our Schools Month
	National Middle Level Education Month
	National Nutrition Month
	National Women's History Month
	Youth Art Month
	Social Work Month
3	10:00, 11:30, 12:00, 12:30— "Indian Artists of the Southwest," Grades 6-8, ed.tv 8
7	9:00, 9:30, 10:00, 11:30, 12:00, 12:30, 1:00, 2:00— "Ask For It," Grades 1-2, ed.tv 8
7-8	Elementary Conference Days
8	International Women's Day
8	8:00, 10:15, 11:30, 1:00, 2:00; 9 - 9:30, 10:00, 11:30, 12:00, 12:30; 14 - 9:00, 9:30, 10:00, 11:30, 12:00, 12:30, 1:00, 2:00; 15 - 8:00, 10:15, 11:30, 1:00, 2:00; 16 - 9:30, 10:00, 11:30, 12:00, 12:30; 23 - 9:30, 10:00, 11:30, 12:00, 12:30; 29 - 8:00, 10:15, 11:30, 1:00, 2:00; 30 - 9:30, 10:00, 11:30, 12:00, 12:30; 31 - 10:00, 11:30, 12:00, 12:30— "Adventures in Poetry," Grades 3-5, ed.tv 8
10	10:00, 11:30, 12:00, 12:30— "School Bus Safety," Grades 3-5, ed.tv 8
11	Johnny Appleseed Day
12	Daylight Saving Time Day
16	First Black Newspaper in U.S. Published
17	St. Patrick's Day
17	10:00, 11:30, 12:00, 12:30— "The Velveteen Rabbit," Grades K-5, ed.tv 8
20	First Day of Spring
21	9:00, 9:30, 10:00, 11:30, 12:00, 12:30, 1:00, 2:00— "Cesar Chavez," Grades 3-12, ed.tv 8
22	8:00, 10:15, 11:30, 1:00, 2:00— "Arbor Day/Earth Day," Grades K-12, ed.tv 8
23	Anniversary of Patrick Henry's Speech
24	10:00, 11:30, 12:00, 12:30— "No Time to Waste," Grades 4-12, ed.tv 8
28	9:00, 9:30, 10:00, 11:30, 12:00, 12:30, 1:00, 2:00— "Operation School Bus Safety: Be Cool, Follow the Rules," Grades K-12, ed.tv 8
31	Cesar Chavez Day
31	10:00, 11:30, 12:00, 12:30— "You Can Refuse," Grades 5-8, ed.tv 8

In Memoriam

Mary Sorensen

former teacher
Jan. 27, 2017

Ettiawanda Becks

custodian, Gant
Feb. 4, 2017

Bob Ellis

former principal
Feb. 6, 2017

John L. Smith

former School Safety officer
Feb. 15, 2017