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'MONA LISA RISING' – Millikan High School junior Hannah Rodrigues created this winning artwork for a contest themed "Rising Seas and Us." View more photos at lbschools.net. **Story on next page.**

McBride, CAMS Earn Mock Trial Honors

Four students from McBride High School and two from the California Academy of Mathematics and Science earned honors in the recent Los Angeles County Mock Trial program.

Sponsored by the Constitutional Rights Foundation, the program attracted 156 teams and more than 2,600 middle and high school students. Participants learned about the American legal system and Constitution by preparing and presenting a fictional criminal case as attorneys, witnesses, clerks and bailiffs. Students worked in teams to study the case and prepare for trial.

"We appreciate the countless hours of hard work by teachers and students to make this
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Antarctica Postcards

In her blog about her ongoing National Geographic expedition, Jordan High School teacher Kelly Meade describes close encounters with penguins and leopard seals, and she chronicles her "Polar Plunge" into the icy waters of Antarctica. She departed on the trip last month with other educators from the U.S.

The excursion gives teachers expertise to bring back to their classrooms and colleagues.

"I started thinking of words that someone might ask me to describe this place as. Majestic, transformational, awe-inspiring, pure, cold, ridged, mysterious, crisp, none can do it justice," Meade writes.

View photos at lbschools.net, and read Meade's blog entries on her website at sites.google.com/view/KellyMeade.

Keller Among 'America's Best Urban Schools'

The National Center for Urban School Transformation announced recently that Keller Dual Immersion Middle School is a finalist for the 2018 America's Best Urban Schools Award.

"Among the thousands of urban schools throughout the nation, this outstanding school is one of the few able to document that it met all of our rigorous award criteria," NCUST Executive Director Joseph Johnson said. "The students, teachers, support staff, parents and community of Keller Dual Immersion are already winners. You should be proud of the difference they are making in the lives of the students they serve. As well, you should be proud that Keller serves as a model for urban schools throughout the United States."

Representatives from NCUST will visit Keller and other finalists this spring before announcing bronze, silver and gold winners later this school year. NCUST examines data regarding student performance on state assessments, attendance, suspensions, quality of instruction, and other criteria.

Formerly an elementary school, Keller converted to a 6-8 configuration offering dual immersion instruction in English and Spanish starting in fall of 2015.

NCUST, based at San Diego State University, has recognized several Long Beach Unified School District schools in the past, including Addams, International (now Oropeza), Signal Hill, Tucker, Edison, King, Riley, Robinson, Lafayette and Roosevelt.

Celebrate Education

The annual Education Celebration, which provides information on local elementary, middle and K-8 school programs, is scheduled for 9 a.m. to noon Saturday, Jan. 27 at McBride High School, 7025 Parkcrest St., Long Beach.

Meet principals and teachers, and learn about enrollment options. For more information, contact Sharon Lazo-Nakamoto at 997-8307.

The Whole World in Cabrillo's Gymnasium

Cabrillo High School recently hosted a Global Economic Summit with more than 150 Cabrillo and Poly High School students participating.

Teams of students from Cabrillo's Global Logistics Academy and Poly's Pacific Rim program gathered in the gymnasium, where each team represented a different country. The Global Economic Summit event is modeled after the International Economic Summit Institute at Boise State University. The hands-on activity teaches concepts related to international economics and globalization.

During the event, students set up tables, wore costumes, created trade alliances, joined trading and banking sessions, and competed in

a global issues debate. Long Beach CaLL, a partnership among the Long Beach Unified School District, Long Beach City College and Cal State Long Beach, provided judges who evaluated table displays and costumes. Judges were industry professionals representing a wide range of careers.

The summit model has gained national recognition as an effective educational program for teaching economics, finance and technology. Students gain a multicultural understanding of how the world works and what they can do to prepare for life as a global citizen.

Learn more about Long Beach CaLL at longbeachcall.org, and learn more about the summit events at econsummit.org.

ICY EXCURSION – Jordan High School teacher Kelly Meade joins Connecticut teacher Sarah Harris and Chicago school technology coordinator Peg Keiner in the icy waters of Antarctica during a National Geographic Expedition. Find Meade's blog and view more photos at lbschools.net.
Photo by Eric Guth (National Geographic).



• Mock Trial

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year's Mock Trial program a great educational experience for all those who participated," said Lourdes Morales, senior program director at the Constitutional Rights Foundation.

McBride's Jordan Webb won the Outstanding Defense Attorney award. Three of her classmates earned honorable mentions, including Arianna Rodriguez as Outstanding Bailiff, Giovanni Longino as Outstanding Defense Witness, and Malya Parker as Outstanding Defense Attorney.

CAMS students Jesse Madrid and Ramon Morales earned honorable mentions, both for Outstanding Prosecution Witness.

Student Art Contest

Seventy-two middle and high school students participated in the 10th annual National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration Art Contest held recently at the Aquarium of the Pacific.

The contest is part of NOAA Day, an annual event that attracts more than 7,000 visitors. The art contest encourages students to learn more about issues affecting the world's oceans. "Rising Seas and Us" was this year's theme.

View a list of winners and see photos at lbschools.net.

Safety Symposium

A Youth Empowerment Safety Symposium aimed at keeping young people safe from human trafficking is scheduled for 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Saturday, Jan. 27 at the Salvation Army, 3000 Long Beach Blvd. in Long Beach.

The symposium is sponsored by the Long Beach Human Trafficking Task Force in partnership with other community organizations. Workshops, community resources, music, prizes and more will be offered.

For more information, contact lbhfff@gmail.com.

Dates to Remember

January	
9	9:00, 9:30, 10:00, 11:30, 12:00, 12:30, 1:00, 2:00— "I Have a Dream: Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.," Grades 6-8, ed.tv 8
10	8:00, 10:15, 11:30, 1:00, 2:00— "The Wright Brothers," Grades 3-8, ed.tv 8
11	9:30, 10:00, 11:30, 12:00, 12:30— "Dare to Dream," Grade 9, ed.tv 8
12	10:00, 11:30, 12:00, 12:30— "What Liberty and Justice Mean," Grades 3-4, ed.tv 8
15	Martin Luther King, Jr. Day — Holiday
16	9:00, 9:30, 10:00, 11:30, 12:00, 12:30, 1:00, 2:00— "Silversmith of Williamsburg," Grade 5, ed.tv 8
17	8:00, 10:15, 11:30, 1:00, 2:00— "Thomas Edison," Grades 4-8, ed.tv 8
18	9:30, 10:00, 11:30, 12:00, 12:30— "School Bus Safety," Grades 3-5, ed.tv 8
19	10:00, 11:30, 12:00, 12:30— "First Moon: Celebration of the Chinese New Year," Grades 6-12, ed.tv 8
21	World Religion Day
23	9:00, 9:30, 10:00, 11:30, 12:00, 12:30, 1:00, 2:00— "George Washington," Grades 3-5, ed.tv 8
24	8:00, 10:15, 11:30, 1:00, 2:00— "Abraham Lincoln," Grades 2-8, ed.tv 8
25	9:30, 10:00, 11:30, 12:00, 12:30— "Abraham Lincoln," Grades 3-5, ed.tv 8
26	Fall Semester Ends
26	10:00, 11:30, 12:00, 12:30— "The Klan: A Legacy of Hate in America," Grades 9-12, ed.tv 8
29	Spring Semester Begins
30	9:00, 9:30, 10:00, 11:30, 12:00, 12:30, 1:00, 2:00— "Preventing Conflicts and Violence," Grades 6-12, ed.tv 8
31	8:00, 10:15, 11:30, 1:00, 2:00— "George Washington," Grades 2-8, ed.tv 8

Classified Employees Can Review Seniority

Effective Jan. 1, 2018, the Long Beach Unified School District converted the seniority system for newly hired classified employees from hours worked to date-of-hire. Seniority is the status attained as a result of one's length of service with the school district. Seniority is typically used during a layoff as the employee who accumulates the most seniority in a particular classification can displace an employee with the least seniority. Seniority is also used by some classifications to choose work scheduling preferences or for summer assignments.

All current district classified employees will be assigned a rank in their current classification based upon the number of paid hours worked in the classification as of Dec. 30, 2017. The seniority ranking for permanent and probationary classified employees will apply to current employees as of Dec. 30, 2017, while any employee hired after Jan. 1, 2018 will receive a date-of-hire. From Jan. 12 to March 31, 2018, employees may view their seniority information via the district portal to ensure

Summer Jobs

As of Jan. 29 the Personnel Commission will accept applications from employees interested in Extended Summer Year (ESY)/Summer Employment for 2018. To qualify for summer employment, applicants must be permanent/probationary classified employees working on less than a 12-month calendar.

ESY/Summer Employment dates are July 2 to 27 for Buffum Total Learning Center, Roosevelt Elementary School, Prisk Elementary School, Nelson Academy (middle school) and Tucker Transitional. The summer employment dates for comprehensive high schools (Cabrillo, Jordan, Lakewood, Millikan, Poly and Wilson) are June 25 to July 27.

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. March 16.

Weight Watchers

To support New Year's resolutions and weight loss goals, Weight Watchers is offering a free Jumpstarter Kit to employees who newly enroll between Jan. 2 and 19. Employees who register by Jan. 19 can redeem the free kit by Feb. 2 while supplies last.

Look for the flyer at worksites.

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accuracy. Classified employees are receiving letters with additional details regarding portal access.

Employees who have questions after reviewing their seniority information may call 435-5708, ext. 7126.

School district staff also will make computers available for employees who wish to check their seniority or ask questions from 3 to 5 p.m. on Monday, Jan. 22 and Monday, Jan. 29 in room EF at the Teacher Resource Center.

CCEJ Plans Interfaith Breakfast for Feb. 28

The California Conference for Equality and Justice, which partners with schools on youth programs, will host its 27th Annual Interfaith Intercultural Breakfast at 7:30 a.m. Wednesday, Feb. 28 at the Long Beach Convention and Entertainment Center, 300 E. Ocean Blvd.

Keynote speakers are Marsha and Aiden Aizumi, a mother and transgender son who have spoken around the country to more than 150 organizations about their journey from fear, shame and sadness to unconditional love and acceptance.

Tickets are \$45, with table sponsorships available. Call 435-8184 or email kmcilquham@ceej.org to reserve a space by Feb. 16.

Names in the News

Ten of the Long Beach Unified School District's more than 9,000 Volunteers in Public Schools were honored as VIPS of the month for December. Honorees included a storyteller who brings literature alive for students who have special needs, an art enthusiast who introduces oil pastels to Transitional Kindergarten students, a Khmer interpreter and a design expert who creates school production costumes and campus gardening projects. The recently honored VIPS work with Newcomb, Emerson, Birney, Lincoln, King, Herrera, Mann, Harte and Stevenson schools. Honorees are **Rosa Ramos, Teresa Garcia, Daisy Womack, Cynthia Rueda, Nubia Cedeno, Nina Mighaccio, Mary Mercer, Cynthia Evangelista, Philip Traylor and Daisy Medina.**

In Memoriam

Betty Bickerstaff

former teacher

Dec. 10, 2017

Barbara Jenkins

former teacher

Dec. 14, 2017

Madeline Godgigan

teacher, Gompers

Jan. 1, 2018

Debra Atlas

instructional aide-special, Wilson

Jan. 2, 2018