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## Students Outperform State, County in P.E.

A greater percentage of physical education students in the Long Beach Unified School District are passing the state's physical education tests compared to students in Los Angeles County and California as a whole, according to the newest data from the California Department of Education.

### State Physical Fitness Exam

% of Students Passing  
2016-17\*

Grade	LBUSD	L.A. County	State
5	47.7	44.3	47.5
7	56.3	51.5	54.9
9	64.3	54.0	58.2

\* The state considers meeting five of six Healthy Fitness Zones to be a passing score.

Students take a series of six separate tests that measure aerobic capacity, body composition, abdominal strength, trunk extensor strength, upper body strength and flexibility. Meeting five of the state exam's six Healthy Fitness Zone requirements is considered to be a passing score. By state law, high school students who meet this standard qualify for exemption from physical education classes in their junior and senior years (though many of these students still opt to take P.E. electives such as yoga, dance, basketball, soccer and weight training).

## Lakers Commend Student at Halftime

A budding environmentalist, Millikan High School junior Isaiah Williams has done enough earth-friendly deeds to make Al Gore green with envy. The Los Angeles Lakers recognized his good work by giving him a Community Champion of the Month award on the Staples Center court during halftime at a recent Lakers vs. Sacramento Kings game.

"It was very exciting. I was in the center of the court. It was something I'll never forget," he said.

Isaiah has been a part of the Grades of Green Youth Corps Eco-Leadership program for more than three years. The nonprofit Grades of Green organization provides schools with free access to tools and information to help students care for the environment.

Over the past several years, Isaiah has led Grades of Green activities, including the installation of a bluebird-friendly garden at Hughes Middle School, where he gave a presentation

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## Cabrillo's 'Outstanding Teacher of America'

Cabrillo High School math and engineering teacher Kenneth Fisher has received \$20,000 as a recipient of the Carlston Family Foundation Outstanding Teachers of America Award.

He accepted a check for \$5,000 at last week's Board of Education meeting, having already received \$15,000 for the honor. The \$5,000 will be used at the school as Fisher sees fit.

The awards are given each year to exceptional California public high school teachers, nominated only by former students who believe their teachers made a life-changing impact. Fisher was one of five teachers honored by the foundation in recent weeks.

Presenting the latest check was Timothy Allen, executive director of the foundation.

"From my conversations with Ken's former students, it was exceptionally clear that his instructional skills and techniques, as well as his personal guidance, significantly contributed to both their academic and personal success," Allen said. "They shared with me how he impacted their lives by giving of his personal time, sharing his passion for calculus and engineering, creating interesting and relevant lessons and activities to enhance his instruction, challenging them to always do their best work, and supporting them even when they did not believe in themselves."

As he accepted the check, Fisher's voice broke slightly with emotion when he acknowledged his family for allowing him to work long days so that he can support students.

"I want to thank my lovely wife and children. Throughout my time at Cabrillo, I spend 12, 13, 14 hours a day there, very often going



Fisher

in on Saturdays, tutoring kids until eight, nine, 10 o'clock at night. And my wife and kids sacrifice their time away from me, for me to be able to help the children of Long Beach, so I greatly appreciate it." Fisher said.

He also credited the school district for supporting teachers.

"Thank you, Long Beach Unified School District, school board members and really all

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## Board Member to be Honored by Goodwill

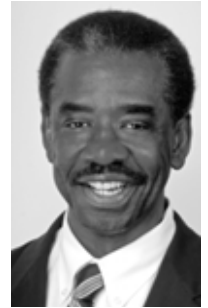
Goodwill of Southern Los Angeles County will honor Long Beach Unified School District Board of Education Member Felton Williams as a Catalyst Award recipient during a "Celebrate the Power of Work" awards dinner on Feb. 28 in the Pacific Ballroom & Gallery of the Long Beach Convention Center, 300 E. Ocean Blvd.

A silent auction starts at 6 p.m., with dinner at 7 p.m. The event host will be Pat Prescott of 94.7 The WAVE.

Also honored will be Long Beach City Prosecutor Doug Haubert, who is receiving the Community Leader Award.

Both Haubert and Goodwill have partnered with the school district on programs to help local youth.

Individual tickets are \$85, with table sponsorships available. To learn more and purchase tickets, visit [thinkgood.org/powerofwork](http://thinkgood.org/powerofwork).



Williams

**DR. KING'S LEGACY** – Jordan High School students participate in Long Beach's Annual Martin Luther King Jr. Parade. Other participants included school board members, Superintendent Christopher J. Steinhauser, teachers, and school marching bands, dance and cheer teams. View more photos at [lbschools.net](http://lbschools.net).



## • Lakers Award

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on native birds to fellow students. He once hosted a birdwatching event at the Dominguez Gap Wetlands, and he has partnered with the creative writing club at his school to create a book featuring poems and student crafted artwork to celebrate local birdlife. He also created a custom coloring book called "Danny the Dolphin," which he printed and gave to students to teach them about ocean pollution and how they can prevent it.

His interest in the environment started when he joined the Green Team at Hughes. The Green Team supports environmental service projects among students and helped Hughes to win a National Green Ribbon award for environmental excellence in 2013.

"I ended up really enjoying the Green Team," he said. "It opened my eyes about what was happening in the environment, and I guess the passion grew from there."

Grades of Green partners with Green Teams at several local schools, sponsoring an annual trash-free lunch contest and other activities. Schools donate uneaten food to local shelters daily, and they compost fruit and vegetable scraps on campus, in some cases reducing waste by as much as 90 percent.

Learn more about Grades of Green at [gradesofgreen.org](http://gradesofgreen.org).

## Summer Jobs

As of Jan. 29 the Personnel Commission will accept applications from employees interested in Extended School 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](http://lbschools.net) (then select Summer School Information). The deadline to apply is 4:30 p.m. March 16.

## Leaves, Resignations

Article VIII in the K-12 Teachers Agreement between the Long Beach Unified School District and the Teachers Association of Long Beach states that "to facilitate the staffing process, employees are expected to make known their leave, resignation or retirement requests by March 1."

Certificated employees planning to resign, retire or request a leave of absence for the 2018-19 school year should submit the appropriate form to their site administrator. Leave of absence request, resignation and retirement forms are available from site secretaries or at [lbschools.net](http://lbschools.net) (go to Human Resource Services-Current Employees).

Recent CalSTRS legislation limits retirees from substituting during the first 180 days of retirement. Contact CalSTRS at [calstrs.com](http://calstrs.com) for more information.

**LAKERS AWARD** – Isaiah Williams, a junior at Millikan High School, receives the Community Champion of the Month Award during halftime at a recent Los Angeles Lakers game. Joining him are Brett Arriaga of LG Solar and Mathew Makovec, director of Community Relations for the Lakers. The student was honored for his environmental work.



## • Cabrillo Teacher's Hard Work Pays Off

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the trainers throughout Long Beach because in my 20 years of service to this school district, I've been able to be the teacher I am because you allow me to be that style of teacher. The trainings you put us through, everything you do to help each teacher grow and advance is incredible. From picking the right administration to having the right staff at every school. The Cabrillo staff is amazing. Everybody works together. The way the administration comes together to help us keep continuing to grow in our fields and our crafts is absolutely amazing."

Fisher earned LBUSD and countywide Teacher of the Year honors in 2012.

His latest honor was accompanied by poignant testimonials from former students.

One former student wrote, "Mr. Fisher is the only reason I decided to even think about pursuing a college education. Since my ninth grade year, he continuously motivated me to do well in school. He kept telling me that in the long run, college will be the key to a better a life. I began to value more and more the

importance of going to college."

Another student said, "Mr. Fisher truly believed in all of us. And we did not want to let him down. He helped us learn from our mistakes, and worked with us until we completely understood how we solved the problems that he presented. Learning to use this process in every class was extremely helpful, and it was particularly effective when I got to college."

Visit [carlstonfamilyfoundation.com](http://carlstonfamilyfoundation.com) to learn more about the Outstanding Teachers of America awards.

## Dates to Remember

### February

	National African American History Month
	National Children's Dental Health Month
	National Freedom Day
1	9:30, 10:00, 11:30, 12:00, 12:30— "Presidents Day," Grades K-5, ed.tv 8
2	Groundhog Day
2	10:00, 11:30, 12:00, 12:30— "The Boyhood of Abraham Lincoln," Grades 4-6, ed.tv 8
5-9	National School Counseling Week
6	9:00, 9:30, 10:00, 11:30, 12:00, 12:30, 1:00, 2:00— "Valentine's Day," Grades K-4, ed.tv 8
7	8:00, 10:15, 11:30, 1:00, 2:00— "Alexander Graham Bell," Grades 3-8, ed.tv 8
8	9:30, 10:00, 11:30, 12:00, 12:30— "New Zebra in Town," Grades K-5, ed.tv 8
9	10:00, 11:30, 12:00, 12:30— "Riding Your School Bus Safely," Grades 6-12, ed.tv 8
11	Thomas Edison's Birthday
12	Abraham Lincoln's Birthday — Holiday
13	9:00, 9:30, 10:00, 11:30, 12:00, 12:30, 1:00, 2:00— "Why We Need Each Other: The Animals' Picnic Day," Grades 1-4, ed.tv 8
14	St. Valentine's Day
14	8:00, 10:15, 11:30, 1:00, 2:00— "Women's History Month," Grades K-3, ed.tv 8
15	Susan B. Anthony's Birthday
15	9:30, 10:00, 11:30, 12:00, 12:30— "School Bus and the Exceptional Child," Grades K-12, ed.tv 8
16	Chinese New Year
16	10:00, 11:30, 12:00, 12:30— "Jackie Robinson Story," Grades 6-12, ed.tv 8
17	National PTA Founders Day
19	Presidents Day — Holiday
20	Frederick Douglass Day
20	9:00, 9:30, 10:00, 11:30, 12:00, 12:30, 1:00, 2:00— "The American Parade: We The Women," Grades 9-12, ed.tv 8
21	8:00, 10:15, 11:30, 1:00, 2:00— "Helen Keller," Grades 3-8, ed.tv 8
22	George Washington's Birthday
22	9:30, 10:00, 11:30, 12:00, 12:30— "Reading Rainbow: Once There Was a Tree," Grades 1-5, ed.tv 8
23	W.E.B. DuBois' Birthday
23	10:00, 11:30, 12:00, 12:30— "One Fine Day/ Take the Power," Grades 3-12, ed.tv 8
27	9:00, 9:30, 10:00, 11:30, 12:00, 12:30, 1:00, 2:00— "The Struggle for Women's Rights," Grades 9-12, ed.tv 8
28	8:00, 10:15, 11:30, 1:00, 2:00— "Benjamin Franklin," Grades 2-8, ed.tv 8

## In Memoriam

**Karen Stanley**  
former teacher  
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