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INSPIRING STUDENT – Carver Elementary School fifth grader Abigail Foote, one of nearly 100 Most Inspiring Student honorees at LBUSD's annual dinner event, is joined by keynote speaker and accomplished Paralympian Brent Poppen. View more photos and video at lbschools.net.

Inspiring Students Take Center Stage

Students from each school in the Long Beach Unified School District were honored at the Most Inspiring Students Awards held recently at the Long Beach Hilton. The annual dinner event recognizes students who exemplify persistence, tremendous effort, good citizenship and service to their community.

The keynote speaker was Millikan High School alumn Brent Poppen. A sports accident at age 16 caused a spinal cord injury that left Poppen paralyzed for life. He lost the use of his legs, with some paralysis in his upper extremities, yet he went on to compete in two consecutive Paralympics, including Athens in 2004 and Beijing in 2008, in wheelchair rugby and tennis.

Poppen earned a bronze medal in wheelchair rugby and has received numerous gold medals and world titles in both sports. At the dinner, he encouraged students to focus on what is possible, rather than what is impossible.

"If you listen to people who tell you that you can't do something, you're never going to reach your potential," Poppen said. "We want every student to reach their potential."

After Poppen spoke, he received the school district's first ever Most Inspiring Graduate Award.

Also addressing the students were members of the Board of Education and LBUSD administrative staff. Millikan High School musicians, singers and dancers performed numbers from their production of "Anything Goes."

Business Group Lauds 25 Local Schools

Twenty-five schools in the Long Beach Unified School District are listed on the newest Campaign for Business and Education Excellence Honor Roll for academic excellence and reducing achievement gaps among student populations.

The annual list is compiled by CBEE and the nonprofit Educational Results Partnership.

"Educational success must be data-informed," ERP and CBEE Board Chairman Greg Jones said. "These Honor Roll schools and districts are improving student achievement, and we have the data to prove it. It's critical that the business community support and promote educational success, as today's students are tomorrow's workforce."

ERP maintains the nation's largest database on student achievement and uses the data to identify higher-performing schools and districts. School districts that receive the ERP Honor Roll distinction have demonstrated consistently high levels of academic achievement,

improvement in achievement over time, and a reduction in achievement gaps among student populations. For districts with high schools, the ERP Honor Roll recognition also includes measures of college readiness.

Of the 25 LBUSD schools recognized, 24 earned the "Star School" designation for high performance while serving significant populations of high poverty students. Those winning schools are Alvarado, Bancroft, Bryant, Burcham, California Academy Of Mathematics and Science, Chavez, McBride, Keller, Holmes, Hoover, Hughes, Nelson, Kettering, Los Cerritos, Macarthur, Madison, Marshall, Millikan, Muir, Renaissance, Riley, Signal Hill, Stanford and Tincher. Naples Elementary School earned the "Scholar School" honor for high performance and closing achievement gaps, without significant levels of low-income students.

"These bright spot schools and districts are
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Graduations Set for More Than 5,400 Students

The Long Beach Unified School District will award diplomas to more than 5,400 students at 14 ceremonies from June 1 to 15.

The estimated number of graduates at each school are: 992 at Poly High School and Poly PAAL; 831 at Wilson High School; 775 at Millikan High School; 759 at Lakewood High School; 645 at Jordan High School; 500 at Cabrillo High School; 325 at Educational Partnership High School; 165 at McBride High School; 164 at California Academy of Mathematics and Science; 88 at Reid Continuation High School; 77 at Renaissance High School for the Arts; 50 at Long Beach School for Adults; 37 at Avalon High School; and 36 at Beach High School.

This schedule includes the names of officials who will present diplomas:

Friday, June 1

- Long Beach School for Adults, 5 p.m., LBSA Auditorium, Assistant Superintendent

Peter Davis

Tuesday, June 5

- CAMS, 6 p.m., StubHub Tennis Stadium (Carson), Board of Education Member Felton Williams

Tuesday, June 12

- Jordan, Veterans Stadium, 5 p.m., Board of Education President Megan Kerr

Wednesday, June 13

- Poly/PAAL, 6 p.m., Veterans Stadium, Board of Education Member Felton Williams and Board of Education President Megan Kerr

Thursday, June 14

- Reid, 1 p.m., Cabrillo Auditorium, Superintendent Christopher J. Steinhauer
- Millikan, 2 p.m., Veterans Stadium, Board of Education Vice President Diana Craighead and Deputy Superintendent Jill Baker

- Renaissance, 3 p.m., Poly Auditorium, Deputy Superintendent Ruth Ashley

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Assemblymember Honors Local Teachers

Assemblymember Patrick O'Donnell (D – Long Beach) recently honored outstanding local teachers as part of Teacher Appreciation Month. Family, friends and colleagues gathered to celebrate 15 teachers from the 70th Assembly District who go above and beyond for their students and community. O'Donnell presented each with an Extraordinary Teacher Award.

"It is important that we take the time to appreciate and honor those who share the gift of knowledge through teaching," Assemblymember O'Donnell said. "As a teacher and Chair of the Assembly Education

Committee, I am proud to be surrounded by so many remarkable teachers who are dedicated to our students inside and outside of the classroom. Thank you for the outstanding work that you do every day."

The honorees included 11 teachers from the Long Beach Unified School District: Torrie Jean Baker of Washington, Eric Cabacungan of Washington, Jacquelyn Gainer of Powell, Alina Heavin of Nelson, Andrea Hoover of Wilson, Juliane McCall of Nelson, Pamela Penn of Marshall; Ethel Seminario-Laczko of Cabrillo, Lyle Theile of Wilson, Darith Ung of Wilson and OCIPD, and Laurie Wilkerson of Riley.

CAMS, Sato Compete In Vehicle Challenge

Two teams from the Long Beach Unified School District participated in the regional Remotely Operated Vehicle competition at Long Beach City College this month, with one of the teams advancing to international competition.

California Academy of Mathematics and Science students and Sato Academy of Mathematics and Science students participated, with CAMS teacher Sandy James and Sato teacher Tamara Araya working together to help the two teams learn from one another.

"It was a really nice experience for all of us," James said.

While CAMS has participated in this competition for years, Sato was new to the event. CAMS eked past repeated champs Palos Verdes High School to win the regional event and earn a spot in the international event in Seattle on June 21 to 23.

View a photo of the teams by finding this article at lbschools.net.

Tincher Captures Robo Bowl Title

Teams from Tincher Preparatory School won first place in the recent Robo Bowl at McBride High School, where students from local middle schools learned about science, technology, engineering and math while putting their robotics projects to the test. Tincher also won the event last year.

Hughes Middle School won second place, while Stanford and Keller schools teamed up in an alliance to earn third.

At the Robo Bowl, each school's robotics club participates in the competition, which gives students a chance to test their robot designs before attending official VEX Robotics events in the fall. Since the Robo Bowl's inception the event has been a partnership with Leadership Long Beach with the aim of advancing STEM education throughout the school district.

Students on the winning Tincher teams were Alex Lopez, Maxwell Casem, Amir Diaz Espinoza, Zachary Halls, William Smith, Geneva Rasmussen, Alice Duch, Destiny Moreno-Torres, Emmalee Ekblad and Ashley Phaingdy. The robotics coordinator at Tincher is teacher Deborah Drab.

Open Enrollment

Until May 31, employees can enroll in or make changes to medical, dental, vision and Flexible Spending Account plans for the 2018-19 plan year. The new plan year starts July 1 and ends June 30, 2019.

For employees who do not make changes, current elections will continue for the 2018-19 plan year with the exception of the FSA plans. By IRS rule, current FSA enrollment does not carry over to the next year. Employees on the Blue Shield medical plans who don't make any changes will continue on the equivalent Aetna medical plan.

Enroll online at www.lbusdbenefits.com, or call 866-844-9744, option 4, Monday through Friday from 5 a.m. to 5 p.m. Pacific Time.

LBUSD Seeks Personnel Commissioner

The Long Beach Unified School District is seeking applications for appointment to the Personnel Commission.

The Personnel Commission is the public body responsible for the administration of a "merit system" for the selection, retention and promotion of classified (non-teaching) employees in a public school system. By law, the commission is composed of three members appointed for three-year terms with the term of one member expiring each year.

The appointment will be to fill the vacancy of a personnel commissioner, including the remaining term. Personnel Commission appointments are selected and renewed for three-year terms beginning Dec. 1. The next three-year term of this position is Dec. 1, 2018 to Nov. 30, 2021.

To qualify, an applicant must be:

- A registered voter and a resident within LBUSD boundaries;
- A known adherent of the merit system (or civil-service system) and supporter of the concept of employment, in-service promotional

opportunities and other related matters on the basis of merit and fitness.

An applicant cannot be a member of the LBUSD Board of Education or a community college district or county board of education, or an employee of LBUSD.

Applications are available at the Personnel Commission and at lbschools.net under Personnel Commission in the A-Z index. The deadline to apply is 4:30 p.m. Friday, June 8.

Volunteers Deliver Millionth Meal

A group of local volunteers, who bring bags of groceries to schools on Fridays to make sure students have enough to eat on weekends, delivered their millionth meal recently at Grant Elementary School.

As part of the Food4Kids program facilitated by the nonprofit Food Finders, volunteers deliver food bags to 15 local schools designated as Title I, with high percentages of low income families. Volunteers from the community-based group Team 100 provide financial support and assist with packing and distribution of meals.

Team 100 was founded in 2010 by Jim Grubbs, John Shadden and Tim McBride, three Long Beach residents and businessmen.

Learn more at team100lb.org.

• Schools Honored

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implementing programs and practices that are improving educational equity and accelerating student success," ERP President and CEO James Lanich said. "We need to shine a spotlight on their work and encourage others to replicate it."

The honor roll is sponsored by numerous businesses and private foundations. This year, the California Honor Roll recognized 1,798 higher performing schools. View the full list of schools at edresults.org.

• Graduations

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- Avalon, 4 p.m., Avalon Theatre, High Schools Director Christopher Brown
- McBride, 4:30 p.m., LBCC Gym, Board of Education Vice President Diana Craighead and Board of Education Member Felton Williams

- Wilson, 5 p.m., Stephens Field (Wilson Football Stadium), Board of Education Member Jon Meyer and Superintendent Christopher J. Steinhauser

- Cabrillo, 5:30 p.m., Jaguar Stadium at Cabrillo, Long Beach Mayor Robert Garcia
- Lakewood, 7 p.m., Veterans Stadium, Board of Education Vice President Diana Craighead

Friday, June 15

- EPHS, noon, Lakewood High School Auditorium, Board of Education President Megan Kerr

- Beach, 2:30 p.m., Millikan High School Auditorium, Board of Education Member Jon Meyer

Dates to Remember

June	
1	Great Outdoors Month 10:00, 1:30, 12:00, 12:30; 5 - 9:00, 9:30; 10:00, 11:30, 12:00, 1:00, 2:00; 6 - 8:00; 10:15, 11:30, 1:00, 2:00; 7 - 9:30, 10:00, 11:30, 12:00, 12:30 - "Adventures in Poetry," Grades 3-5, ed.tv 8
5	World Environment Day
10	Race Unity Day
12	Anne Frank's Birthday
14	Flag Day
14	Last Day of School - Students
15	Last Day of School - Teachers
17	Fathers Day
18	Anniversary of First American Woman in Space
21	First Day of Summer
27	Helen Keller's Birthday

In Memoriam

Cindy McChesney
former teacher
April 3, 2018

Reuben Brassler
former counselor
April 28, 2018

Ronald Thornton
former custodial supervisor
April 28, 2018

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