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## Gold Certification for Cabrillo Law Pathway

Cabrillo High School has earned a Linked Learning Gold Certification for a specialized academic and career pathway. The honor for the Cabrillo Academy of Law and Justice (CALJ) is the first of its kind for a large, comprehensive high school in the Long Beach Unified School District.

Linked Learning pathways combine challenging academics, demanding technical courses, and work-based learning focused on an industry theme. The certification by independent reviewers affirms the high quality of the Cabrillo pathway's college and career preparation offerings. CALJ helps students to explore public service careers, with a strong focus on legal studies and criminal justice. The pathway earned the recent honor after its educators participated in a Gold Certification pilot effort.

"CALJ faculty is to be commended for their strong collaborative work in developing a strong college and career program for their students. The four-year program of study, that includes well integrated work-based learning experiences, builds through the students' four years," reviewers from the Linked Learning Alliance stated in their certification report.

The alliance is a statewide coalition of  
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**EDISON SCHOLAR** – California Academy of Mathematics and Science senior Jesse Leal was surprised with a \$40,000 scholarship from Southern California Edison recently at the school. Leal plans to major in mechanical engineering. The scholarship is one of 30 awarded to high school seniors who plan to major in science, technology, engineering and math studies.

## Board OKs Raises for Teachers, Non-Reps

The Long Beach Unified School District Board of Education approved salary increases for Teachers Association of Long Beach members and non-represented employees last week.

TALB members and qualifying non-represented employees, including managers, will receive an ongoing salary increase of 2 percent, and a one-time increase of 1 percent.

The salary increase for TALB members was part of a contract agreement approved by the school board after teachers had ratified the agreement with a yes vote of more than 97 percent.

The ongoing 2 percent raise is retroactive to July 1, 2018. The one-time, or "off schedule," payment provides 1 percent of earnings for the entire 2018-19 fiscal year.

Qualifying employees will see the ongoing

2 percent raise reflected on paychecks as early as May, and retroactive checks for the 2 percent will be issued that same month. The one-time payment of 1 percent will be issued as soon as October.

The school district also has begun bargaining with the California School Employees Association.

The new agreement with TALB also makes some adjustments to language in the contract categories of association rights, days and hours, leaves of absence, transfers, safety conditions of employment, evaluation procedures, shared decision making, and Child Development Center job specifications. A Memorandum of Understanding was signed to support grant opportunities for the Child Development Center and to continue reassignments.

## College Pathway Legislation Moves Ahead

Long Beach Unified School District Board of Education Member Megan Kerr joined State Assemblymember Patrick O'Donnell, other education leaders and students in Sacramento last week for a news conference in support of Assembly Bill 751, the Pathways to College Act. The bill would open doors to higher education for students by allowing school districts to offer college admissions tests such as the SAT or ACT during the school day at no cost to students. These tests could be given instead of the state-required assessment in 11th grade.

O'Donnell (D – Long Beach), recently reintroduced the legislation, which passed through the State Legislature last year without any "no" votes but ultimately was not signed by then Gov. Jerry Brown.

O'Donnell said the legislation would help to ensure that all students have access to test preparation and that the test is administered in a secure environment.

"AB 751 removes obstacles to college attendance for students who may not otherwise have access to the exam or take it on their own," O'Donnell said.

Board Member Kerr said that by providing local control, AB 751 allows educators to offer college assessment and career resources, better

preparing students for college as early as eighth grade.

"The Pathways to College Act opens doors for all students to have college and career choices by making college admissions testing more accessible and affordable," Kerr said.

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## Top Speller Returns To National Contest

Stanford Middle School eighth grader Dina Miranda will return to the Scripps National Spelling Bee in Washington, D.C. next month after qualifying in regional competition.

Miranda finished in the top three of more than 150 spellers throughout Los Angeles County at the Regional Bee on March 9 and, coupled with her 19th place finish at last year's national competition, earned one of a limited number of invitations.

Last year Miranda made history as the first student from the Long Beach Unified School District to win the county regional event and advance to D.C., where she was one of 41 spellers who qualified for the finals, televised on ESPN. Among the words she spelled correctly in last year's national competition were nephelognosy, laparotomy, polymorphous and piodont.

In 2016, when Miranda was a fifth grader at Gant Elementary School, she won second place in the county competition. This year's national event is scheduled for May 27 to 30.



Miranda

## Employee of Year Nominations Due

Long Beach Unified School District employees who know outstanding colleagues deserving recognition may submit nominations for the annual Classified Employee of the Year Award by Tuesday, April 30.

Instructions, award criteria and nomination forms are available under "Employee of the Year (Classified)" in the A-Z index at [lbschools.net](http://lbschools.net).

## • Cabrillo Honored

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education, industry and community organizations dedicated to improving California's high schools and preparing students for success in college, career and life.

"The faculty's passion for their students is tangible," reviewers of the Cabrillo program added. "The pathway also has strong partnership investment, and alumni are clearly appreciative of the experiences they had both with their teachers and with the pathway partners. The lead teacher, Aline and the principal are also to be commended for their leadership and investment in the pathway."

McBride High School, one of LBUSD's smaller thematic high schools, also recently earned the Gold Certification.

"One thing that was consistent across all (winning) pathways was the laser focus on self-improvement and on creating high-quality learning experiences for students," said Dan Storz, a senior director with the Linked Learning Alliance.

Learn more about Cabrillo at [lbschools.net/cabrillo](http://lbschools.net/cabrillo).

## College Promise As Case Study

The Georgetown Center on Poverty and Inequality has issued a report that includes The Long Beach College Promise as one of three case studies exemplifying "bold steps to increase educational and employment opportunity for young people."

Elements of The Long Beach College Promise have included increased access to early childhood education; college tours for 4th and 5th graders; a middle school pledge by students and parents, committing to college readiness; a tuition-free first and second year at Long Beach City College; and guaranteed admission to Cal State Long Beach for qualifying students.

The 92-page Georgetown report, titled "The Youth Opportunity Guarantee: A Framework for Success," is available at [law.georgetown.edu](http://law.georgetown.edu) under Centers & Institutes. Go to The Georgetown Center on Poverty and Inequality, then the Economic Security and Opportunity Initiative.

## Special 'Lion King' Production in April

The annual EXALT theatre production at Starr King Elementary School will feature performances of the Lion King on April 12 and 13. EXALT (EXcellence and Achievement in Life's Theatre) is a Long Beach Unified School District program designed for children with and without special needs.

On April 12, the performance is at 6:30 p.m. On April 13, performances will be offered at 1 and 6:30 p.m.

EXALT is designed to open up the world of performance to students. Performance provides the opportunity to exhibit confidence, risk-taking, self-expression, learning and artistic talent. The after-school program serves more than 50 students in second through fifth grades.

Tickets are \$12 at the door. The school is located at 145 E. Artesia Blvd., Long Beach.



**WINNING LOGO** – Millikan High School's Emma Rodgers designed this award winning logo.

## Names in the News

Millikan High School ninth grader **Emma Rodgers** won a logo design contest for the Floodplain Management Association Conference in San Diego. The student will receive \$500 and a commemorative coin with her logo on it during a Sept. 4 awards luncheon, and the logo will appear on the organization's website ([floodplain.org](http://floodplain.org)) and on conference materials.

Poly High School produced four winning video entries in C-SPAN's national StudentCam Competition, which receives thousands of videos submitted from students throughout the nation. Poly's **Hamid Torabzadeh, Katherine Padilla and Pia Hao** won second prize and \$1,500 for their video, "Retained by the People – The Promise of America." Earning Honorable Mention and \$250 each were **Grant Atwood, Justin Rosu and Jacob Jacob** with their entry, "We Didn't All Come on the Mayflower;" **Samantha Williams** and **Inanna Khansa** for "The Press and the People;" and **Audrey Song** for "One Person, One Vote." Find the videos at [studentcam.org](http://studentcam.org).

## CPR, First Aid Class

Two CPR/First Aid certification classes for classified employees will be offered by the Personnel Commission on Friday, May 3. Classes will run from 9 a.m. to noon and 12:30 to 3:30 p.m. at the Teacher Resource Center (ABC Room), 1299 E. 32nd St., Signal Hill.

This classified staff development event is subject to manager/supervisor approval for release time, and participants must be permanent classified employees.

Find the registration form at [lbschools.net](http://lbschools.net) under Personnel Commission, then Classified Staff Development.

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## • Legislation Update

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The news conference occurred on the same day the bill was scheduled to be heard by the Assembly Education Committee. O'Donnell chairs that committee and is a classroom teacher.

AB 751 is a reintroduction of last year's AB 1951, which moved through the State Legislature with strong support from school districts, school boards and students throughout the state. The bill was supported by about 150 school district superintendents.

## A Day of Learning At the Grand Prix

About 150 high schoolers will participate in a day of learning about the science and business of the Acura Grand Prix of Long Beach, thanks to a Long Beach Unified School District partnership with the Grand Prix Association and Banc of California.

Junior and senior students from Cabrillo, Jordan, Poly, McBride, Millikan, Sato and Avalon high schools were selected to spend the day at the Grand Prix on April 12 because they are studying engineering, green power and business at their schools.

"Our students gain valuable work-based learning experiences through our partnership with the Grand Prix Association and Banc of California," said Peter Davis, LBUSD assistant superintendent of high schools. "Students enjoy an up-close look at how to build and maintain high-tech racecars, and they learn about the numerous businesses, services and occupations involved in a major event like the Grand Prix. The whole experience is a fun and exciting way to open students' eyes to an array of career opportunities available to them."

Students will tour race paddocks, the pit lane and Lifestyle Expo. They'll also watch cars run on the track and hear guest speakers from the racing community, courtesy of Banc of California.

"Banc of California has supported LBUSD and our long-time client, the Grand Prix Association of Long Beach, in its development and execution of their financial literacy programs for students," said Chris Garcia, vice president of Community Development for Banc of California. "Together, we believe that with continued investment in our youth and communities we can make a difference in California."

## Disposal Event For Expired Meds

Long Beach Memorial Medical Center will host a Take Back Pharmacy Event from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Saturday, April 27 at 2801 Atlantic Ave., Long Beach.

Expired pharmaceutical drugs can be abused by youth and older adults, and the substances may harm waterways if not properly disposed. The drive-through, drop-off event is provided in partnership with the Long Beach Police Department and the Los Angeles County Drug Enforcement Agency.

Enter Memorial Medical Center Drive off Atlantic Avenue and look for drop-off location signs.