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State Leaders Visit Henry Elementary

Henry K-5 Dual Immersion School celebrated "Dual Immersion Day" with the help of state education leaders last week, including State Superintendent of Public Instruction Tony Thurmond, State Board of Education member and Poly High School alumna Feliza Ortiz-Licon, and Assemblymember Patrick O'Donnell, who chairs the Assembly Education Committee.

The fourth annual event at Henry spotlighted the school's successful program offering immersion in Spanish during classroom instruction.

"Henry is a great example for our state and our world. Every school should be like Patrick Henry," Thurmond said. "We know that when you learn more than one language, it does great things for us as students. It makes our brains better. It makes us learn more and faster, and it allows us to be global leaders."

Henry has the longest standing DI program in the Long Beach Unified School District, and the program has been replicated at several other schools. The celebration highlighted the importance of attaining a bilingual, biliterate and bicultural education so students can connect with others across the world.

The event included student awards and dance performances by the children. Members of LBUSD's school board, Superintendent Christopher J. Steinhäuser and other district leaders attended, along with former LBUSD Superintendent (and former State Board of Education member) Carl A. Cohn.

Three Henry students who are winners of the California Association for Bilingual Education annual essay contest were recognized. The contest focused on how multilingualism inspired students. Abigail Avila won in the school's K-2 category, while Kendall Shock earned the award for grades 3-5. Nixon Hunt was recognized as a statewide winner for grades 3-5.

View photos and video at lbschools.net.



Thurmond



Ortiz-Licon



O'Donnell

Retiring Employees Served for 61 Centuries

A total of 247 Long Beach Unified School District employees with a combined 6,130 years of service are retiring.

Leading retirees in seniority is 47-year teacher David O'Toole.

Certificated Retirees

47 years—David O'Toole, Stephens;
46 years—Randall Bowden, Wilson;
39 years—Veronica Evans, TRC; Barry Baker, CAMS; Barry Welsch, LOA;
38 years—Lucia Gomez, CDC; Deborah Holland, Poly; Stephanie Cavagrotti, Chavez; Gail Hill, Nelson; Cheryl Toretsky, Madison; Rebecca Davidson, Avalon; Kathy Forman-Hitt, Riley; Nancy Knott Jarzomb, Carver;
37 years—Sharon Lazo-Nakamoto,

EACCR; Roberta Patterson, Millikan; Stephanie Wright, Cubberley; Laurette Largent, Powell; Pamela Amici, Poly; Teresa Suzuki, OCIPD;

36 years—Andrea Hoover, Wilson; Stephen Pearson, Millikan; James Minnis, Barton;

35 years—Jeffrey Dobra, Millikan;

34 years—Matthew Hammond, Bryant; Barbara Mignosi, Willard; Monica Blumenfield, Washington;

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O'Toole

Business Group Lauds 23 Local Schools

Twenty-three 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.

"These Honor Roll schools and districts are living proof that our students can succeed when schools are committed to removing educational obstacles and accelerating student success," ERP President and CEO James Lanich said. "After an extensive analysis of student data for every public school and district in California, these schools have been identified as clear leaders in getting students to grade-level and beyond."

Of the 23 LBUSD schools recognized, 22 earned the "Star School" designation for high performance while serving significant populations of high poverty students. Those winning schools are Alvarado, Bancroft, Bixby, Bryant, Burcham, California Academy of Mathematics and Science, Chavez, McBride, Holmes, Hoover, Hughes, Nelson, Kettering, Longfellow, Los Cerritos, MacArthur, Madison, Marshall, 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.

The 2018-19 Honor Roll recognizes schools and school districts that have demonstrated consistently high levels of academic achievement, improvement in achievement levels over time, and a reduction in achievement gaps among student populations. For districts with high schools, the Honor Roll recognition also includes measures of college readiness. This year, the California Honor Roll recognized 1,831 higher-performing schools.

Through national research, reviewers identified a common set of success factors in higher-

performing Honor Roll schools and districts. These include clear, specific learning objectives aligned to college and career readiness, evidence-based instructional practices, a defined system-wide mission of college and career readiness, an investment in human capital and maintenance of data systems to monitor school and student performance.

The Honor Roll is sponsored by numerous businesses and private foundations. View the full list of schools at edresults.org.



SERVICE ABOVE SELF – Student Sion Charles of Wilson High School accepts a Service Above Self Award from Rotarian Henry Fung, who also is president of the Long Beach Education Foundation. The awards recognize outstanding volunteer work. Sion was commended for her work with children and beach maintenance at the Long Beach Marine Institute. See "Names in the News" at lbschools.net.

• Years of Dedicated Service from Retirees

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33 years—Leslie Gilpin, Lakewood; Anne Oberjurgue, OCIPD; Nina Wool, Jordan; Mary Cahill, Millikan;

32 years—AnneMarie Lander, Tincher; Doris Lipiz, Webster; Dianne Schmidt-Beck, Tincher; Elizabeth Cecil, Head Start; Kathryn Davis, Webster; Amy Dietz, Twain; Barbara Jackson, CDC; Lori Pitman, CDC; Robert Tomlin, Millikan;

31 years—Diane Groh, Tucker; Mary Rosas, Poly; Kathleen Krukenkamp, Naples;

30 years—Carla Scott, Powell; Pamela Cathcart, Millikan; Anna Maria Calise, Avalon;

29 years—Mary Carlson, Twain/Herrera; Theresa Jarels, Sato; Susan Slowes, MacArthur; Kim Kline, Roosevelt; Christina Geise, Addams; Susana Pacheco, Addams;

28 years—Mary Palladini, Riley; Lois Irving, CDC; Jeanne Stamper, Bixby; Mary Lou Eroen, Avalon; Debra Waterfield, Hudson;

26 years—Martha Bradshaw, Cabrillo; Martin Axelson, Wilson;

25 years—Melinda Jordan, Lakewood; Aimee Newell, Emerson; Evelyn Castillo, Millikan; Scott Peffers, Wilson; Lisa Torres, Cleveland/Smith; Patrice Stanek, School for Adults;

24 years—Davina Keiser, Wilson; Nkiruka Okonkwo, CDC; Joanne Trupp, Muir; Cheryl Martin, Alvarado; Pete Davis, High Schools;

23 years—Maria Valenzuela, Whittier; Antoinette Guastella, Willows;

21 years—Ramona Locsin, Educare; Andrea Edwards, Lafayette; Sandy Blazer, Wilson;

20 years—Norbert Huber, Poly; Cherri Clifford, Grant; Jon Seretan, Grant; Diana Stewart, Webster; Denise Reid, Signal Hill; Lynn Gay, OCIPD;

19 years—Patricia Norman, Longfellow; Frank Gutierrez, Maintenance; Bonnie Jinkens, Muir;

17 years—Grace Campillo, Lakewood; Deborah Gonzalez-Poole, Wilson; Raquel Davies, LOA; John Wilson, Stanford; Jennifer Morelli, Fremont; Mary Ritt-Caban, Lafayette; Shawn Hutchens, Franklin;

15 years—Gail Hamilton, Bancroft; Kathleen O'Neill, CAMS;

13 years—Ann Marie Estrada, Washington; Anne Gundry, Poly;

12 years—Mary Joyce Domingo, Wilson.
A total of 47 others with a combined 1,136 years of service asked not to be listed.

Classified Retirees

37 years—William Daw, Maintenance;

36 years—Tim Dressendorfer, Maintenance;

35 years—Paul Bailey, Transportation;

33 years—Raymond Porter, Poly; Robert Brigham, Millikan;

31 years—Christopher Hogan, Maintenance; Leslie Davis, Cabrillo; Colleen Walker, Wilson;

30 years—Mary Mack, Hughes; Debra Collier, Rogers;

28 years—Steven McCormick, Maintenance;

26 years—Edward Turner Jr., Harte; Maria Bojorquiz, Marshall; Val Pharr, EACCR; Nathel Hughes, Lafayette;

25 years—Maricela Davalos, Head Start; Lauren Silva, Special Education; Armida Fitchett, Poly; Rodolfo Bernal, Maintenance;

24 years—Carolyn Macy, Bixby/Kettering; Darlene Martin, Nutrition Services; Shirley Lanier, Washington; Laura Rose, Buffum; Jim Shaw, School Safety and Emergency Preparedness;

23 years—Amy Curren, Lakewood; Cynthia Ruiz, Head Start; Pushpa Sampat, Accounting; Mary Cates, Personnel Commission;

22 years—Eva Markulis, Hughes; Laura Bunnell, Nutrition Services; Alejandro Gonzalez, Edison; Steve Anderson, Maintenance; Darlene Roberts, Cubberley; Desi Jones, Avalon;

21 years—Dorothy Quan, OSSS; Keith Christensen, Maintenance;

20 years—John Williams, Gant; Claude Beasley, Nutrition Services; Dewayne Hundley, Lakewood; David Barksdale, Maintenance;

19 years—Sylvia Flegal, MacArthur; Julie Gholson, Cubberley/Tincher; Annie Caldwell, Duplicating;

18 years—Voeun San, Cubberley; Catherine Cook, Washington;

17 years—Gail McGlothlin, Cabrillo; Rita Amthor, Avalon;

16 years—Carmen Authier, Special Education; James Avila, Information Services; Wilma Jones, Smith; Shedrick Crook, Stevenson; Sel Danh, Operations;

15 years—Mary Hall, Millikan; Abel Dominguez, Rogers; Alexander Agudo, Jordan; Alicia Sanchez, Lakewood;

13 years—Georgia Oliver, Poly;

12 years—Priscilla Zook, Information Services;

11 years—Alfredo Melendez, Jordan; John Saldano, Tucker.

Forty-five others who served 962 years asked that their names not be printed.

Assignment Notices To Appear in Portal

Human Resource Services is introducing a new way for certificated employees to view their Notice of Assignment – via the employee portal.

Beginning Aug. 23, certificated employees will be able to access their 2019-20 Notice of Assignment on the portal. Go to lbschools.net and find the portal under Employees > myLBUSD Portal.

The assignment notice will be accessible throughout the year for employees who wish to check current salary placement. As changes are made to an employee's salary, for example, in relation to submission of official transcripts and verifications of employment, an updated assignment notice will be reflected on the portal. Employees who have difficulty accessing the portal can contact the Help Desk at ext. 8411.

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DRESSING FOR SUCCESS – Director of Employee Relations and Community Engagement David Zaid shows Jordan High School student Rodney Meredith how to tie a necktie during a Dress for Success event at the Men's Suit Outlet in Long Beach. Forty Jordan students participating in the school's Math Collaborative Program, which includes a summer residential experience at Cal State Long Beach, received new suits at the event. View story and more photos at lbschools.net.

Nurse of the Year

Shirley Todd, a nurse at Hoover and Madison schools, has won the School Nurse of the Year Award from the Long Beach School Nurse Association.

Todd has served as a member of the school district's Crisis Response Team and as an administrator for summer programs. She has worked with 22 schools.

The association also presented a Friends of School Nurse Award to Barry Welsch, president of the Teachers Association of Long Beach, in recognition of his advocacy on behalf of LBUSD school nurses.

View full story and photo at lbschools.net.

Sato Wins Statewide Drone Competition

A team of students from the Sato Academy of Mathematics and Science won a statewide aerial drone design contest recently in San Diego, qualifying for national competition.

The "QuadDragons" Drone Team coached by Albert Gallo and Will Chesher participated in the Academy of Model Aeronautics UAS4STEM search and rescue regional competition. The team included Tasha Adler, Alexis Salazar, Youliana Boutros, Stephen Salazar and Henry Samala.

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In Memoriam

James Pigneri
former teacher
May 27, 2019

Thelma McBride
teacher, Harte
June 6, 2019