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FEARLESS – Lakewood High School graduate Margo Alexander, pictured in New York City, blazed the trail for women in the financial services industry, and she has played key roles in the fight against global poverty. UC Berkeley's business school honored her with a Lifetime Achievement Award.



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Alumna is 'Fearless Woman of Wall Street'

As a student at Lakewood High School in the 1960s, Margo Alexander showed signs that she might someday become a trailblazer for professional women.

The Class of '64 graduate recently earned a Lifetime Achievement Award from the Haas School of Business at UC Berkeley, which recognized Alexander's pioneering career in the financial services industry and her subsequent efforts to help fight global poverty.

Long before the accolades, Alexander was pushing the envelope at Lakewood High. She enjoyed school but also helped to improve gender equity at Lakewood.

"In our senior year we were offered an elective from a long list of options," she said. "I chose Mechanical Drawing but was told that I couldn't enroll. It was for boys only. My father went to the school and an exception was made. I sat at the front and absolutely loved that class!"

That experience is now one of Alexander's many fond memories of high school.

"I remember happy school days at Lakewood," Alexander said. "There were lots of activities, and I especially enjoyed being a cheerleader, running for school offices and social clubs."

The recent honor from Berkeley, where Alexander graduated in 1968, was a big deal. The Haas School of Business was founded in 1898 and is the second-oldest business school in the United States. Alexander is the seventh person and first female to receive the Lifetime Achievement Award.

The business school recognized Alexander as one of the first women to head a large asset management business, lead a top-ranked research department and oversee a major trading floor – all while raising two sons with her late husband, Robert.

"When Margo began her career, the behavior toward women in the financial services industry was appalling," Haas Interim Dean

Laura Tyson stated on the Haas website. "She was able to handle difficult situations, successfully working with men and always trying to mitigate inequities by hiring and supporting women. As she moved through the ranks, she was able to influence how organizations behaved in those arenas."

A cover story on Alexander in a recent edition of Berkeley Haas magazine is titled "Fearless Woman of Wall Street," chronicling her "keen business acumen and a focus on personal engagement."

Alexander earned her MBA in 1970 from Harvard, where she was among only 3 percent of women in her graduating class.

Tyson commends Alexander for acting as a
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EQUALITY AND JUSTICE – These LBUSD administrators completed a rigorous four-month training as racial equity and healing facilitators. The training was offered by the California Conference for Equality and Justice. See "Names in the News" on the next page.

CAMS Earns No. 1 Ranking in California

The California Academy of Mathematics and Science ranked No. 1 among magnet high schools statewide according to **niche.com's** new list of California's top high schools.

Niche's methodology is based on an analysis of academic and student-life data from the U.S. Department of Education along with test scores and feedback from **niche.com** users.

CAMS earned an A-plus grade in the categories of academics, teachers, diversity, college prep, and health and safety, surpassing all 89 other magnet schools in the ranking. The school earned high marks for science, technology, math and engineering (STEM) while ranking 12th overall among 1,774 of the "Best Public High Schools in California" and 12th among a list of 2,435 "Most Diverse Public High Schools in California."

The Long Beach Unified School District operates CAMS on the campus of Cal State Dominguez Hills. The high school has earned numerous national honors, including the National Blue Ribbon Award, and last year was ranked second by U.S. News and World Report among all high school magnet programs in California.

LBUSD a 'Partner In Curing Cancer'

The Leukemia & Lymphoma Society recently honored the Long Beach Unified School District with a Partners in Curing Cancer Award for local schools' efforts to support cancer research.

"On behalf of the entire team here at The Leukemia & Lymphoma Society, we extend our sincere appreciation to you and your incredible educators and students in the Long Beach Unified School District," said Shannon Sullivan, executive director of the organization's California Southland Chapter.

During the 2017-18 school year, 34 schools in LBUSD participated in the LLS Student Series and its Pennies for Patients program, which has raised more than \$315 million nationally for breakthrough therapies and patient services since it began.

The Student Series also provides service learning, character education, philanthropy and science curriculum that helps to support future scientists.

"Your kids are amazing!" Sullivan said. "They are an inspiration to us, and we are grateful for all you are doing to help support the LLS mission to cure leukemia, lymphoma, Hodgkin's disease and myeloma, and improve the quality of life of patients and their families."

LLS presented the award at Hughes Middle
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• Alumna

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role model for younger women who even today are unsure whether they can balance the demands of a career and a family.

"I tell them to read up on Margo," Tyson said.

Aside from doing well, Alexander has done a lot of good. Since retiring in 2003, she has played key roles at Acumen, a global nonprofit that tackles poverty by investing in sustainable businesses, leaders and ideas. Acumen has invested \$110 million to build more than 102 social enterprises in Uganda, Kenya, Ghana, Pakistan, India, Colombia and the U.S., bringing basic services like affordable education, health care, clean water, energy and sanitation to more than 200 million people.

"Millions of people end up in terrible circumstances for unfair, unfortunate reasons," Alexander told Berkeley Haas magazine. "They have no opportunity to make the best of their lives. They're constrained in every direction."

Alexander's commitment to equity has continued at Berkeley on the senior advisory board for the Center for Responsible Business. She worked to boost the number of female students at Haas, and she helped to create the Haas Institute for Business & Social Impact.

She credits public schools for preparing her well.

"I have nothing but good memories of my days at Lakewood, and for that matter, my entire school history – from Mark Twain Elementary to Hoover Junior High and then to Lakewood," Alexander said.

"Continuing to benefit from California's great gifts of public education I graduated from UC Berkeley. Once I met people in the wider world, I felt even more gratitude for the education I had received, with amazing resources, great teachers and terrific facilities."

Dates to Remember

March

	American Red Cross Month
	Music in Our Schools Month
	Middle Level Education Month
	National Nutrition Month
	Women's History Month
	Youth Art Month
	Social Work Month
1	NEA's Read Across America
1	10:00, 11:30, 12:00, 12:30 – "One Fine Day/Take the Power," Grades 3-12, ed.tv 8
3	Anniversary of Adoption of U.S. National Anthem
5-6	Elementary Conference Days
5	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
6	8:00, 10:15, 11:30, 1:00, 2:00 – "Benjamin Franklin," Grades 2-8, ed.tv 8
8	International Women's Day
8	10:00, 11:30, 12:00, 12:30 – "School Bus Safety," Grades 3-5, ed.tv 8
10	Daylight Saving Time Day
11	Johnny Appleseed Day
12	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
15	10:00, 11:30, 12:00, 12:30 – "The Velveteen Rabbit," Grades K-5, ed.tv 8
16	Anniversary of First African-American Newspaper in U.S. Published
17	St. Patrick's Day
19	9:00, 9:30, 10:00, 11:30, 12:00, 12:30, 1:00, 2:00 – "Operation School Bus Safety: Be Cool, Follow the Rules," Grades K-12, ed.tv 8
20	First Day of Spring
22	10:00, 11:30, 12:00, 12:30 – "No Time to Waste," Grades 4-12, ed.tv 8
23	Anniversary of Patrick Henry's Speech
26	9:00, 9:30, 10:00, 11:30, 12:00, 12:30, 1:00, 2:00 – "Cesar Chavez," Grades 3-12, ed.tv 8
29	10:00, 11:30, 12:00, 12:30 – "Shape Hunting: Circles, Triangles, Rectangles, Squares," Grades K-3, ed.tv 8
31	Cesar Chavez Day

Names in the News

The Long Beach NAACP recently honored former Long Beach Unified School District Deputy Superintendent **Dorothy Harper** and former LBUSD Principal **Cynthia Terry** with "Passing of the Torch Leadership" awards. The awards recognize community leaders who inspire youth.

Long Beach Education Foundation Executive Director **Judy Seal**, Barton Elementary School Assistant Principal **Marybeth Murray** and Franklin Middle School Vice Principal **Roshann Williams** received certificates of completion from the California Conference for Equality and Justice's four-month Racial Equity and Healing Justice Facilitator Training.

Assistant Principal Murray said the completion of the training was particularly timely in light of Black History Month. The training is guided by CCEJ principles, including the idea that "another world is possible: oppression can and will end through our collective work."



Harper



Terry

Apply for Certificated Summer Positions

Certificated applications for summer positions are now available on the myLBUSD portal under Applications > HR/PC > Certificated Summer School Application.

Summer positions offered are Special Education Extended School Year, or ESY (pre-K through adult), high school Special Day Class (SDC) credit recovery and general education high school. Employees also can download a PDF of the application under Human Resource Services in the A-Z index at lbschools.net.

Completed PDF applications can be saved and emailed to hrrshelp@lbschools.net. Applications must be submitted by March 15.

Information regarding dates and times of summer school are listed on the application.

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• Curing Cancer

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School, which also was singled out as a winner of the Decade of Difference National Award for its 10 years of participation in the program.

"I've seen the power of Pennies for Patients first-hand," Sullivan said. "My second grader participated in Pennies for Patients this past year, and I witnessed the generosity and empathy this program brings to students. My son asked for endless chores to earn extra quarters during his three-week fundraising campaign. More important, he learned that life can be very different for kids diagnosed with cancer, and that he and his classmates can help make a difference."

LLS is the largest nonprofit dedicated to creating a world without blood cancers. Learn more at lls.org.

Summer Enrichment And Learning (SEAL)

Selected elementary, middle/K-8 and high school sites will offer Summer Enrichment and Learning (SEAL) programs this year. SEAL is in addition to, and separate from Summer School and Extended School Year (ESY).

All certificated staff are welcome to apply for SEAL.

These teaching and learning opportunities are tailored to match the program designs of the individual school sites, and applicants will be selected based on the needs of the program.

To be considered for the SEAL program, fill out the SEAL application available under Human Resource Services in the A-Z index at lbschools.net.

Gottlieb Art Show At JCC Until March 1

The Long Beach Unified School District Visual Arts Department, in collaboration with the Alpert Jewish Community Center, continues to offer the 35th Annual Norman Gottlieb Student Art Exhibition through Friday, March 1 at the center.

Each year, the free exhibit brings together a sampling of the best middle and high school art. Awards are presented to the top three participants from the middle and high school levels. The art show was established by past AJCC President Norman Gottlieb.

The center is located at 3801 E. Willow St., Long Beach. Building hours are available at alpertjcc.org.

In Memoriam

Cathy Anderson
instructional aide-specialist, Emerson
June 19, 2018

G. Harriet Olson
former teacher
Dec. 18, 2018