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3 Schools Win AP Female Diversity Award

Cabrillo and Lakewood high schools, along with the California Academy of Mathematics and Science, have earned the College Board Advanced Placement Computer Science Female Diversity Award for achieving high female representation in AP Computer Science Principles classes. The honor is the second for Cabrillo, which received the award in 2019.

The winning schools have expanded young women's access to AP computer science courses. A total of 1,119 schools were recognized for their work toward equal gender representation during the 2019-20 school year, nearly 37% more than the 818 schools recognized in 2018-19.

Winning schools have achieved either 50% or higher female representation in one or both of the AP computer science courses, or the percentage of female computer science examinees meets or

exceeds that of the school's female population.

"Congratulations to our AP Computer Science students and teachers," CAMS Principal Cheryl Cornejo said. "During these unprecedented times, we are so proud of the young ladies that have shown such persistence and dedication. I look forward to what you can accomplish in the future!"

The introduction of the AP Computer Science Principles course in 2016 was the largest course launch in AP Program history.

Providing female students with access to computer science courses helps to ensure gender parity in high-paying technology jobs and to drive innovation, creativity and competition. A 2014 Google study found that women are more likely to pursue computer science if they are given the opportunity to explore it in high school.

Business Group Lauds 30 Local Schools

Thirty schools in the Long Beach Unified School District are listed on the 2019-20 Educational Results Partnership Honor Roll for academic excellence and reducing achievement gaps among student populations.

The annual list is sponsored by the Campaign for Business and Education Excellence and is compiled by the nonprofit Educational Results Partnership.

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 30 LBUSD schools recognized, 29 earned the "Star School" designation for high performance while serving significant populations of high poverty students. Those winning schools are Alvarado, Bancroft, Birney, Bixby, Bryant, California Academy Of Mathematics and Science, Herrera, Holmes, Hoover, Hughes, Kettering, Lafayette, Lincoln, Longfellow, Los Cerritos, MacArthur, Madison, Mann, Marshall, McBride, McKinley, Millikan, Muir, Nelson, Poly, Riley, Sato, Signal Hill and Tincher.

Newcomb Academy earned the

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National Blog Notes Leadership Practices

A national blog by the Wallace Foundation notes that "the Long Beach Unified School District is known for its leadership practices and the internal development of its employees." The blog, titled "Five Lessons in Problem Solving for School Leaders," recaps recent webinars and takes an inside look at how LBUSD transformed its leadership development systems.

Wallace is a national philanthropy that supports equity and improvements in learning and enrichment for young people, and in the arts for everyone. In recent years Wallace has provided significant grant funding to help Long Beach schools build a leadership pipeline featuring principal supervisors and extensive coaching in support of high quality teaching for all students.

The five lessons cited in the blog include starting with empathy, or the ability to understand and share the feelings and perspectives of another person; employing a districtwide system to solve problems; making coaching and learning part of district culture; involving leaders at all levels in solving and coaching; and working toward a culture of

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Nurse Administrator Earns State Honor

The California School Nurse Organization Southern Section has awarded the Excellence in School Nursing Administrator Award to Lucy Carbajal, a program specialist for Student Health Services in the Long Beach Unified School District.

Carbajal has been a nurse for 22 years and served in the Navy. She has been a program specialist for LBUSD for three years, assisting 45 school nurses and 37 health assistants.

She is described by her colleagues as a supportive and strong leader. She has demonstrated her dedication to her role during the current pandemic, helping to staff vaccination clinics for employees in partnership with Long Beach Health and Human Services, and creating materials to train school nurses, district staff and other departments.

The California School Nurse Organization planned to honor Carbajal virtually during their conference this month, as well as during the National School Nurse conference in Austin, Texas later this year.



Carbajal

VACCINES – McBride High School teacher Dithmar Rualo was the first LBUSD teacher to receive a COVID-19 vaccine during a drive-up clinic at the Long Beach Convention Center in partnership with Long Beach Health and Human Services. School Nurse Rose Van Meeveren administered the vaccine. **Story on next page.**



Graduate Publishes Pediatric Cancer Book

A recent Long Beach Unified School District graduate has published a book about pediatric cancer and treatments. The book, called "A Kid's Guide to Radiation Therapy," was written by Giovanna Quevedo of Millikan High School to help children understand cancer diagnosis and its rigorous treatments.

Inspired by her experience with her mother's diagnosis, Quevedo created a kid-friendly book after finding that educational materials



Quevedo

for patients are commonly directed toward adults.

The book is described as an age-appropriate guide written specifically for pediatric patients. It features illustrations created by Millikan student Nala Haley and includes a glossary of terms commonly heard by cancer patients.

"I wrote this book because I wanted it to be a resource for patients," Quevedo told lb908.com.

See the full story at lbschools.net.



Haley

Employee Vaccine Effort Continues

The Long Beach Unified School District continues to partner with Long Beach Health and Human Services to offer COVID-19 vaccines to all employees who wish to be immunized.

So far, at least 2,000 employees have been offered vaccination appointments at three clinics offered by LBHHS specifically for LBUSD employees. Vaccine supplies became more limited in late January when California began prioritizing people 65 and older. The Health Department will provide additional vaccines to LBUSD employees as supplies allow.

Employees are not required to receive the vaccine, but the Health Department states that vaccination is a safe and effective way to prevent disease and save lives. Additional information on clinic appointments will be shared via email with employees as vaccine shipments arrive. In the meantime, a list of frequently asked questions and answers about the vaccine is available at longbeach.gov/health. Go to Diseases & Conditions > Information On > Coronavirus Disease 2019.

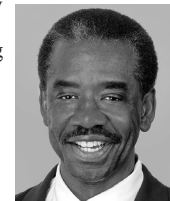
The city also provides a COVID Hotline at 570-4636 from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. For vaccine information, wait to select option 6 when you hear it, and leave a message, or email COVID19Vaccine@longbeach.gov.

Summer Jobs For Classified Workers

The Personnel Commission is accepting applications for 10-month employees interested in working for Summer School, as well as the School Enrichment and Learning (SEAL) Program for 2021. To qualify for summer employment, the applicant must be a permanent/probationary classified employee working on less than a 12-month calendar. The dates of the programs are June 28 to July 23 for elementary, middle and K-8 schools. High school dates are June 28 to July 30. Instructions on accessing the online application are available under Personnel Commission in the A-Z index at lbschools.net (then select Summer Employment). The deadline to apply is 4:30 p.m. Friday, March 19.

Names in the News

Recently retired Board of Education member **Felton Williams** has been selected as the 2021 Heritage Award Honoree by the Aquarium of the Pacific for his many years of community service. Williams will be recognized Feb. 27 during the Aquarium's 19th Annual African-American Festival.



Williams

Four Long Beach Unified School District high school students presented proposals to state legislators during a recent Student Advisory Board on Legislation (SABLE) conference. SABLE was established in 2000 to bring student voices on education to the California Legislature. The conference included 72 high school students, representing all grades and regions of California, who participated in research and developed seven bill proposals to address issues of racial equity, mental health, minority representation, post high school preparedness, LGBTQ+ representation, environmental sustainability and sex education. **Maya Brynson** of Wilson High School, and **Megan Lane** of Poly High School participated as group members on racial equity. **Katrina Doyle-Jacobson** of Renaissance High School for the Arts, and **Kamron Moore** of Cabrillo High School participated as group members on LGBTQ+ representation.

Juniors **Tru Jones** and **Aniya Lewis** of Millikan High School recently joined discussions with members of LBUSD, Long Beach City College, California State University Long Beach College of Education and other community organizations to examine how to ensure educational equity and the possibility of establishing a related grant from CSULB.

Franklin Middle School student **Namiah Phillips** recently competed on season nine of the Food Network's Kids Baking Championship. Phillips was one of 12 young bakers competing for the \$25,000 grand prize.

Transfer Requests

Human Resource Services is accepting transfer requests from teachers who wish to change school sites or have been displaced for the 2021-22 school year. See the Teachers Association of Long Beach agreement, Article VIII for guidelines. The application can be completed and submitted at lbschools.net. Go to Employees > Human Resource Services > For Current Employees and scroll down to the section "Transfer." Teachers may choose to complete either or both the Elementary and Secondary Transfer application, depending on their credentials. Teachers may select sites or subject/grade levels on the Request for Transfer whether or not those positions are current vacancies. Applications are available now and are due March 31. Transfer requests are valid through the end of the first seven student days of the following traditional school year. Questions? Send an email to transfer@lbschools.net.

• National Blog

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"systemness," which "requires commitment to a common vision and aspiration for learners," LBUSD Superintendent Jill Baker states in the blog.

The blog also features commentary from LBUSD's Kelly An and Nader Twal. An is director of Equity Leadership and Talent Development. Twal is a program administrator in the Office of Curriculum, Instruction and Professional Development.

Find the blog at wallacefoundation.org. Search for Five Lessons in Problem Solving.

• 30 Schools Honored

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"Scholar School" honor for high performance and closing achievement gaps, without significant levels of low-income students.

The honor roll is sponsored by numerous businesses and private foundations. This year, the ERP Honor Roll recognized 3,490 of the nation's higher performing schools. Learn more by selecting Data Portal > Honor Roll at edresults.org.

In Memoriam

Jane C. Brooks
former teacher librarian
January 12, 2021

Stanley Kirk
former teacher
January 13, 2021

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