



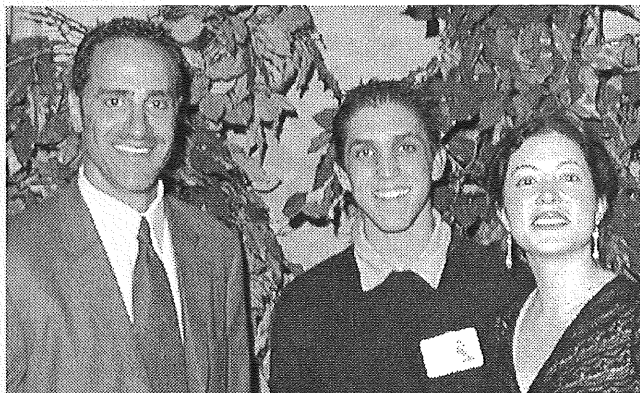
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INSPIRING TRADITION--

Avalon High School English teacher Nicolette David, who was Avalon's Most Inspiring Student in 1997, and principal Howard Fineman celebrate Michael McBride's selection as Avalon's 2003 Most Inspiring Student. The award encouraged her to have high standards and excel beyond high school. McBride is in her class.



These Students Did Something Wonderful

Tenacious students' heartwarming, uplifting, beat-the-odds success stories inspired more than 650 guests at the Seventh Annual Most Inspiring Student Awards Dinner, sponsored by the Long Beach Education Foundation.

The 88 remarkable students from the Long Beach Unified School District were recognized for contributing to their schools, their communities and their futures.

Some have made remarkable academic gains and personal improvement. Others have personified excellence for years.

"How fortunate we are to have terrific kids like these in our schools who allow us to be part of their hopes and dreams and success," said Superintendent Chris Steinhauer.

Steinhauer presented the Superintendent's Distinguished Community Service Award for 2003 to The Assistance League of Long Beach and its Rick Rackers Auxiliary for Operation School Bell, which has provided thousands of deserving students with school uniforms.

Each most inspiring student selected by a school was honored at the awards dinner at the Hilton Hotel:

Juan Herrada, Addams; Erica Richardson, Alvarado; Michael McBride, Avalon; Iliana Rodriguez, Bancroft; Victor Gomez, Barton; Tanique Jones, Bethune; Enrique Gutierrez, Birney; Westly Ward, Bixby; Semurana Leifi, Bryant; Tony Khensouvan, Buffum; Mohammed Salih, Burbank; George Alvarez, Burcham; Beatriz Felix, Burnett; Leon Stoneham, Burroughs; Wilmer Chavez, Butler; Mirabet Madrigal, Cabrillo; Andrea Mortley, CAMS; Dienisha and Mienisha Alexander, Carver;

Roman and Matthew Reichert, Cleveland; Robin Hollowell, Constellation; Beatriz Cervantes, Cubberley; Nelson Miles, DeMille; Jesus Contreras, Edison; Myrella Summer, Emerson; Paula Gonzalez, Franklin; Brian Bergenholtz, Fremont; Sheldon Simon, Gant; Gordon Jordan, Garfield; Dominic Pope, Gompers; Dennis Mendez, Grant; Jalisa Lowry, Hamilton; Juana Ochoa, Harte; Sophantrea Ly, Henry; Diana Martinez, Hill; Charles Young, Holmes; John Taylor, Hoover;

Morgan Hale and Shirfaye Morgan, Hudson; Monet Lake, Hughes; Tuan Anh Van, International;

Ignacio Arguello, Jefferson; Steven Paul Kromminga, Jordan; Marco Ramirez, Keller; Jin Woo Park, Kettering; Karina Fing, King; Nancy Palacios, Lafayette; Benjamin C. Decuir, Lakewood; Brandon Mata, Lee; Yaraset Plascencia, Lincoln; Yaritza Garcia, Lindbergh; Joseph Willingham, Longfellow; Carolyn Ngo, Los Cerritos; Morgan Laffiche, Lowell; Gerale Russell, MacArthur; Joseph Flores, Madison; Ryan Resendez, Mann; Kechell Jackson, Marshall; Kenneth Howard, McKinley; Yer Vang, Middle College; Diana Michel, Millikan; Merritt Wilson, Monroe; Lucky Narciso, Muir; Ngoc Nguyen, Naples; Joseph Smith, Newcomb;

Triana Prince, PAAL; Amanda Ramsdale, Poly; Jeanette Rodriguez, Powell; Sindy Sum, Prisk; Crystal Barrett, Reid; DeZhan Pitts, Renaissance; Monica Palmer, Riley; Leidy Palomec, Robinson; Tabith Ramirez, Rogers; Maria Alvarez, Roosevelt; Shamia Salih, School for Adults; Robert Lewis, Jr., Signal Hill; Eli Ala, Stanford; Roxanne Bantay, Stephens; Daniel Lopez, Stevenson; Savannah Weinlood, Sutter; Arjun Indrodia, Tinchier; Edgar Ochoa, Tucker; Gray Ogden, Twain; Gina Seda, Washington; Amy Chincoya, Webster; Cue (Susan) Nguyen, Whittier; Chan (Linda) Khem, Willard; Jennifer Gutierrez, Wilson.

Madison Celebration

Madison Elementary School will soon be celebrating 50 years of education in Lakewood. The school is inviting all who attended classes or worked there to return to be a part of the magic at Madison.

Week-long festivities will begin Monday, May 19. They include classroom visits, storytelling, memory books and school carnival.

If you are or know former staff members or alumni, or if you have information about reaching former Madison Mustangs, please contact Laura Rose at Madison, ext. 3620.

Distinguished Avalon, CAMS, Stanford Win State Recognition

Avalon High School, California Academy of Mathematics and Science and Stanford Middle School were all recently named 2003 California Distinguished Schools by the California Department of Education.

The three top schools were among only 132 California public middle and high schools selected for this top statewide honor.

"I congratulate these remarkable schools that have empowered their teachers and students to challenge the ordinary and embrace the extraordinary," said State Superintendent of Public Instruction Jack O'Connell. "These schools have earned high marks in providing a strong, motivating and dynamic platform that allows all students to contribute and prosper."

Avalon, CAMS and Stanford underwent a rigorous selection process conducted by the CDE. Of the 2,228 middle and high schools in the state, fewer than 400 were eligible to apply for the honor based upon their Academic Performance Index (API) results. Applications were evaluated by teams of local educators under the direction of the CDE, and those schools judged to be exemplary were visited by an outside review team to validate the application information.

PACE, LBUSD Trio Earn Magnet Awards

Magnet Schools of America, at its national conference in Long Beach, awarded Poly High School's PACE its Magnet Program of Distinction. Magnet grant writer Nancy Gray received an award of appreciation, and a Cabrillo student, Dashaun Watson, won a \$1000 scholarship. Superintendent Chris Steinhauer was also honored by MSA as an important supporter of schools of choice.

As Long Beach's first magnet program, PACE is now officially recognized as one of the finest magnets in the U.S. Standards for the award include high academic achievement, curriculum innovation, successful desegregation efforts and consistent delivery of quality services.

The original PACE grant application was written 27 years ago by Nancy Gray, who has since won millions of dollars in federal funding for other magnet grants. A retired employee of the district, she has a long-standing working relationship with the U.S. Department of Education and is now a grants consultant for a private firm. All 64 magnet programs now operating in the district are a result of her work.

At the MSA luncheon, Cabrillo co-principal Cynthia Terry introduced Watson and described Cabrillo's magnets, Computer Art/Animation and Pre-engineering.

Oliver! at Lakewood

Oliver!, the Broadway musical adaptation of Charles Dickens' novel *Oliver Twist*, will be presented at Lakewood High School May 9, 10, 15 and 17 at 6:30 p.m. Tickets are \$7.50 general admission and \$5 for seniors, children and pre-sale. Shows on May 15 and 17 will be interpreted for the deaf and hard of hearing. For information, call 425-1281.

Sabbaticals On Hold

Applications for sabbatical leaves will not be approved for 2003-04 school year as a result of the district's budget reductions. However, regular contract, permanent employees may be eligible for unpaid study or travel leaves. Leave of absence request forms are available from site secretaries or by calling ext. 8214.

Dates to Remember

May	
1	Asian Pacific American Heritage Month
1	Law Day
1	10:00, 11:30, 12:00, 12:30-- "Adventures in Poetry II," Grades 3-6, ed.tv Channel 8
1-7	National Physical Education and Sports Week
4-10	Reading Is Fun Week
4-10	Teacher Appreciation Week
5	Cinco de Mayo
8	10:00, 11:30, 12:00, 12:30-- "The Paper Crane," Grades K-3, ed.tv Channel 8
9	10:00, 11:30, 12:00, 12:30-- "You Can Refuse," Grades 5-8, ed.tv Channel 8
14	California Day of the Teacher
14	8:00, 10:15, 11:30, 1:00, 2:00-- "Memorial Day/Veterans Day," Grades K-3, ed.tv Channel 8
15	10:00, 11:30, 12:00, 12:30-- "Total War" (Memorial Day), Grades 9-12, ed.tv Channel 8
16	10:00, 11:30, 12:00, 12:30-- "Southeast Asia: How Does Change Occur?" (Asian Pacific Cultures), Grades 6-12, ed.tv Channel 8
17	Armed Forces Day
18-24	National Educational Bosses' Week
18-24	Classified Employee Week
21	8:00, 10:15, 11:30, 1:00, 2:00; 22 - 10:00, 11:30, 12:00, 12:30-- "Adventures in Poetry III," Grades 3-6, ed.tv Channel 8
23	10:00, 11:30, 12:00, 12:30-- "High School Graduation--A Day You Will Never Forget," Grades 6-8, ed.tv Channel 8
26	Memorial Day

In Memoriam

Yolanda Komini
former teacher
March 9, 2003

Thomas Copeland
former film projector technician
March 22, 2003

Carolyn Bell
former accounting clerk
March 26, 2003

Ricardo Mora
material processor, Warehouse
April 1, 2003

The Job Board

• Lincoln Elementary School is looking for a second grade EXCEL teacher on Track C and a third grade literacy class teacher on Track A. Contact Bob Williams, principal, at ext. 5640.

• Fremont Elementary School is seeking dynamic teachers for a fourth grade GATE position and a third grade GATE position. Applicants should be trained in differentiating lessons for gifted students. Contact Diana Williams at ext. 6620.

• Cabrillo High School needs a girls volleyball head coach and a girls basketball head coach. Qualified candidates will be energetic, enthusiastic, dedicated and hardworking, will possess a sound coaching philosophy, at least five years coaching experience, an understanding of the growth and development of adolescents, knowledge of tournament play, scheduling and CIF rules. Contact Amelia Gaither at ext. 7708.

• California Academy of Mathematics and Science is now accepting applications from Long Beach Unified teachers for a social studies position for Fall 2003. A desire to work in a collaborative, grade-level team-teaching environment is important. The deadline to fax resumes to (310) 516-4041 is May 5.

Stylus Sweeps Honors

Jordan High School's award-winning literary-art magazine, *Stylus*, this spring has received three top national ratings: National Scholastic Press All American, American Scholastic Press 1st Place and National Council of Teachers of English Excellent ratings.

Stylus is produced by Jordan students who design, write, illustrate and photograph the contents of the attractive four-color publication.

How Good Are You?

An informational meeting for teachers interested in becoming 2003-04 Teachers of the Year will be held Tuesday, April 29, 4-5 p.m. at the Teacher Resource Center, Room 9.

Eligible are pre-kindergarten through grade 12 teachers, library media teachers who collaboratively teach with classroom teachers and adult school teachers who use the same curriculum as elementary or secondary grades. If teaching is their primary responsibility, instructors with some administrative responsibilities may apply. For a reservation, call Fran Pfeiffer at ext. 2901.

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Winning Technology

Arnold Stanley's third grade class at Webster Elementary School was recently honored by the California Department of Education, California Technology Assistance Project. Their technology-integrated project was chosen to represent CTAP Region 11 at the May 17 CUE conference in Anaheim.

The project is entitled "Hyperstudio Media Project: The Water Cycle." The multimedia project was created by students Malachi Neal, Jan Viktor Adupe, Marwin Rome and Christopher Simon. Their project integrated science, technology and language arts into a study of the water cycle.

Celebrate Cultures

Celebrate Asian Cultures, a free Press-Telegram Newspaper in Education program, is being offered to teachers in recognition of Asian Pacific American Heritage Month.

Feature articles on Asian cultures, history and personalities will be published in the Press-Telegram with an accompanying study guide keyed to the content standards for California public schools. Through generous corporate sponsorship and reader donations, each class will receive a set of 35 Press-Telegram newspapers for the four Tuesdays in May. Orders must be placed by Wednesday, April 30. For information, call (562) 499-1445.

West Coast Champs

Poly High School's JROTC won 16 trophies in Armed Drill, Unarmed Drill and Individual Drill as well as the Overall Armed Sweepstakes Trophy at the recent West Coast National Drill meet. More than 40 top school drill teams, some from as far away as Kansas, competed. Senior Steward Tauch was named Outstanding Commander.

IMW Takes a Break

The Instructional Materials Workshop will be closed during the traditional calendar spring vacation next week and for the week following.

When IMW reopens on May 5, hours for the rest of the year will be 6:30 a.m. to 5:15 p.m., Monday through Thursday. IMW is closed Fridays, Saturdays and Sundays.

Job Opportunities

Applications are now being accepted at the Personnel Commission, 999 Atlantic Ave., third floor, for accounting technician, boiler and gas appliance technician, Kids Club supervisor I, Kids Club supervisor II, Kids Club supervisor III and school safety officer.

Retirement Events

Honoree	Date	Contact
Kenneth Sams	May 14	Harriet Boyer ext. 3510
Diane Weimer	May 15	Nancy Ross ext. 6620
Camille Lang	May 22	Nancy Ross ext. 6620