Retiring Certificated Staff Served 3,500 Years

A total of 134 teachers and other certificated employees are wrapping up their careers this year. Together they have amassed 3,500 years of service to the students of the Long Beach Unified School District:

45 years—Andrew Wiblemo, Hoover; 42 years—Mary Ann Kies, Prisk; Felicia Ward, Emerson; 39 years—Marinos Lelesi, Longfellow; Carolyn Kennedy, Madison; Terri Pikop, Lakewood; Patricia Potter, OCIPD; Diane Wheeler, Coordinated Student Services;
38 years—Barry Neel, Buffum; Nancy Parsons, Millikan; Susan Feinberg, Grant; Jane Mitamura, Cubberley; Patricia Hansen, Mann;
37 years—John Montrella, Millikan; Rhoda Johnson, Powell; Dixie Dawson, OCIPD; Margaret Hess, Tincher; Karen Blaugau, Hill; Elyse Gordon, Buffum; Jim Keck, Information Services; Judy McEachen, Carver; Greta Mahan, Cubberley;
36 years—Phyllis McGihon, Stevenson; Rose Williams, Grant; Sandra Iwai, Millikan; William Colby, McKinley; Lynne Finley, Lakewood;
35 years—Claudia Kreis, Burnett; Gloria Perry, Bancroft; Linda Binns, Burcham; Dennis Shook, DeMille; Cecelia Jones, Hudson;
34 years—Patricia D’Ambrosi, The Willows;
33 years—Marian Lyman, Franklin; Joyce Ashmine, Grant; James Ferguson, Wilson; Jill Moore, Burcham; Lawrence Clark Jr., Butler;
32 years—Charlene Lee, Tincher; Victoria Girard, Birney; Christina McCambridge, The Willows;
31 years—Jennifer Paulin, Cubberley; Linda Frame, Cabrillo;
30 years—Belia Rockwell, Avalon; Lynelle Wise, Jordan; Terry Buckley, Monroe;
29 years—Nancy Nakagawa, Superintendent’s Office; Christine Lungren-Maddalone, Elementary Office; Ann Cöle, Mann;
28 years—Kathleen Rapp, Burcham; Valerie Shoopman, Lakewood;
27 years—Evelyn Martin, Twain;
26 years—Rebecca Andrade, Grant; Karen DeVries, Elementary Office; Paul Farris, Millikan;
25 years—Shirley Ammon, Madison; Janice Madnick, Roosevelt;
24 years—Merry De Lucia, Poly; Mary Lou Weiss, Roosevelt;
23 years—Susan E. Nelson, The Willows; 22 years—Michael Smith, Avalon; Elise Stewart, Roosevelt; Leticia Aghin, Hudson; Dorothy Clark, Stephens; Judith Morrill, Lee;
21 years—Constance Luther, Willard; Janice Grist, Grant; Peggy Denholt, Poly; Adrienne Wolfe, Pol; Patricia Cohen, Sutter;
20 years—Stephen Cox, Lindenborg; Eugene Williams, Millikan;
18 years—Gregory Brooks, Student Support Services; Carol Guensom, Fremont/Buffum; Judith Vlastakis, Millikan; Margaret Mulligan, Marshall;
17 years—Joyce Ferrell, Hamilton; Carol Hesse, Renaissance; Kay Christensen, Hudson; Grace McManus, Wilson; Marilyn Mayer, Wilson;
16 years—Minnie Jefferson, Head Start;

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Classified Employees Devoted 1,356 Years

Retiring this year from schools, offices and key support services are 64 Long Beach Unified School District classified employees with a combined total of 1,356 years of service:

40 years—Santiago Busa, instructional assistant; 33 years—Janet Dominger, Superintendent’s Office;
31 years—Robert McDermid, Operations; Richard Cassman, Business Office;
30 years—Edith Jacks, Twain; Thomas Pike, Keller;
29 years—Maria Sheets, Nutrition Services; Robert Wyatt Jr., Grant;
28 years—Ellie Steinbeckert, Bancroft; Cecilia Clark, Nutrition Services;
26 years—Patricia Bowers, Prisk; Nancy Barnes, Nutrition Services;
25 years—Rita Laires, Stephens; Karen Kerman, Wilson; Yaopou Chao, Hamilton;
24 years—Jesusita Barrera, Roosevelt; 23 years—Barbara Sequeira, Bancroft; 22 years—Beverly Murchison, International;
21 years—Jerry Black, Lakewood;
20 years—Lauro Reyes, Birney; 19 years—Nellie Carlson, Maintenance;
17 years—Patricia O’Connor, Stephens; Graciela Rocha, International; Erlinda Santos, Poly;
16 years—Penelope Cormier, Roosevelt; 15 years—Sherrell Paige, Cleveland;
14 years—Mollie Pits, Lafayette;
12 years—Patricia Holmes, Riley; John Jackson, Harte; Sharilyn Ingram, McKinley;
10 years—Shari Bolling, Hill;
A total of 33 others with a combined 649 years of service requested that their names not be printed.

Grads’ Scholarships Surpass $18 Million

Graduating seniors here have earned more than $18 million in scholarships, along with numerous non-monetary honors and admissions to prestigious colleges and universities.

The Class of 2007 has amassed $18,350,160 in scholarships to reduce college costs, including full ride to dozens of institutions.

Wilson Classical High School students earned more than $4.4 million in scholarships, a new record for the school. Wilson graduates have been admitted to the University of California system. Others will attend Stanford, Yale, Harvard, Georgetown, and Williams. More than 25 full ride scholarships were earned, along with five Long Beach Community scholarship programs.

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Superintendent of Schools

The Olympic motto Citius, Altius, Fortius is Latin for “Faster, Higher, Stronger.” It is a timeless ideal that speaks to an innate need for ever greater human achievement. It applies to your efforts, and to what you are helping our students to achieve, not only on our athletic fields, but in our classrooms and in life.

Symbolic of this notion is young Samantha Larson, the 2006 Poly grad and honor student who just became one of the youngest people to climb the 29,000-foot peak of Mt. Everest.

After literally being on top of the world, she will now enroll at Stanford University. She will join other Long Beach graduates who this fall will enroll at hundreds of prestigious colleges and universities, often with full scholarships.

As the Long Beach Press-Telegram observed about Samantha’s inspirational accomplishment, all students must climb their own mountains – college admission, a trade school education, starting their own business. By continually improving our efforts, you model the concept of Citius, Altius, Fortius. In turn, you help every student to climb higher, go faster and grow stronger. And for that, you all deserve a medal.

Thank you for an exceptional school year. It’s another one for the record books!
Names in the News

DeMille Middle School nurse Jayne Petrich was named Long Beach Unified School District School Nurse of the Year.

Chris Eckert, teacher at Tincher, received the Elementary Digital Voice Teacher of the Year award for technology integration and teacher support. The annual award is open to all teachers through Los Angeles County via CTAP 11 Region.

Marilyn Anania, teacher at Millikan, has been selected to participate in the National Endowment for the Humanities Summer Institute in Rome this summer. Participants will be learning to incorporate lessons on Italian art into lessons of Italian. Anania has plans to offer a fourth year of Italian and AP Italian at Millikan in the future.

Robin Sroka, career center supervisor at Wilson, won the 2006-07 Arthur Marmaduke Chapman Gold Medal. Scholarship included the NAACP Gold Oratory and Asian Pacific Islander Scholarship Fund awards. Honors included a city Leadership Award and the Lion’s Club Debate Award.

Millikan High School students earned acceptance and scholarships to all UC and CSU campuses, many of which are described below.

The Job Board

• Hill Classical Middle School seeks an eighth grade RISE (GATE/EXCEL and high achievers program) teacher with GATE certification, or working toward certification. This position also includes one period of yearbook. Contact Pete Davis, principal, at ext. 4510.
• Special Education is looking for team leaders to provide support to schools for 2007-08. Send letters of interest and resumes to Sara Jocham, Special Education director.

Summer Recreation

Parents whose children grow restless on those long summer days can send their kids on an “Under Water Adventure.” That’s the theme of the new 2007 summer recreation program open to all students from first grade through high school.

Alternate Teaching

Teachers are needed for three alternate educational classes that will start this fall to support elementary students.

Employee Survey

An employee satisfaction survey is being distributed this week through schools and offices via e-mail and hard copy. Any employee who does not receive one may request a survey by calling ext. 8939.