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27 Teachers Attain National Certification

Twenty-seven teachers in the Long Beach Unified School District recently earned National Board Certification, the highest professional distinction in teaching.

More than 170 teachers here have earned the honor over the years. The rigorous certification is a year-long process that involves submitting portfolios, videotaping classroom instruction and participating in a day of written exercises. National Board for Professional Teaching Standards Certification is the nation's only advanced teacher certification.

The newest nationally certified teachers and their work sites are Monica Aguilar, Garfield; Javier de Santiago, OCIPD; Kevin Hamilton, Rogers; Christina Hines, Rogers; Pauline Klein, Stevenson; Jennifer Larsen, Twain; Chelsea McCormick, Cabrillo; SuJin Montell, Twain; Alison Morales, Newcomb; Kristine Neff, Burcham; David Noyes, OCIPD; Sarah Schol, Poly; Joyce Su, Garfield; and Natalie Vanosse, Burbank.

Teachers who recently earned renewal of the certification are Theresa Collins, Hughes; (Continued on next page)



STICKY SITUATION – McBride High School Principal Steve Rockenbach is duct taped to the wall by students as part of a fundraiser for the school's Criminal Justice and Investigation pathway. Prior to the event, Rockenbach acknowledged, "I'm wondering what I got myself into." Afterward he said, "It was a good-natured way to raise some money and not take myself too seriously."

CELEBRATING EDUCATION – The Lincoln Elementary lions help set the mood for the recent Education Celebration at Cabrillo High, where elementary, middle and K-8 schools showcased their programs. The event attracted more than 1,500. View video at lbschools.net.



A National Spotlight on Principal Support

This month's edition of *Principal Leadership* magazine, published by the National Association of Secondary School Principals, includes an extensive Q&A section with two Long Beach Unified School District administrators regarding school leader preparation and support.

"The Evolving Relationship: Principals and their Supervisors," features LBUSD Deputy Superintendent of Schools Jill Baker and Riley Elementary School Principal LaShell Diggs. Also featured in the Q&A is Mikel Royal, director of school leader preparation and development for Denver Public Schools.

The three educators discuss ways in which the relationship between principals and those who supervise them have changed over the past decade.

"One of the things that's become really clear over the last several years of focusing on principal supervision and support is redefining the role of a principal supervisor," Baker states in the article.

Principal Diggs agreed. "I've been a principal for 18 years. One shift that I've experienced is the significant increase in the amount of time principal supervisors spend on the school campus alongside the principal – supporting, teaching and learning," Diggs stated. "Our visits are focused primarily on instruction rather than operational items."

The article also delves into evaluation of school culture and climate, and issues related to diversity, equity and school communication.

"I look forward to my visits with my principal supervisor," Diggs stated. "I don't have

that sense of nervousness that one may get when their boss is coming to visit. Instead, I am anticipating the support, feedback and professional collaboration that I will receive.

"I prepare my list of things to share, questions to ask, classes to take her to, or items I would like to collaborate with her on to help me to grow in my leadership."

Find the full article at nassp.org under News and Resources > Principal Leadership > Current Issue. Look for the "Special Section."



Diggs



Baker

Paycheck Schedule Info Sessions Feb. 12

The Long Beach Unified School District continues to offer informational meetings to all employees to provide details on the change to monthly payroll (instead of quadriweekly). This change goes into effect July 1, 2019.

Payroll, Fiscal Services and Information Services are teaming up to make certain that all employees are informed and have opportunities to ask questions. These informational meetings are voluntary, and attendance will be during employees' non-duty time.

Three meetings are scheduled for Tuesday, Feb. 12 at the Administration Building, 1515 Hughes Way, including an 8:30 a.m. meeting in Room 445, and 4 and 5 p.m. meetings in Room 143.

For additional information, go to Payroll in the A-Z index at lbschools.net.

• Certification

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Elizabeth Curtis, Burbank; Ana Duran, King; Robert Gallandt, Music Office; Gregory Hodel, Jordan; Susana Juarez- Corrales, Holmes; Michelle Kaeka, Lakewood; Kimberly Klopfer, Robinson; Griselda Meza-Allani, Grant; Diane Reilly, Adams; Elvia Ruiz-Lopez, Cabrillo; Sarah Savala, Marshall; and Debra Simmons, Prisk.

The newly certified teachers are scheduled to be honored at the Board of Education's next regular meeting on Feb. 20.

National Board Certification can offer license portability and can contribute to continuing education units for educators statewide.

Learn more under National Board Certification in the A-Z index at lbschools.net and at the National Board for Professional Teaching Standards website, nbpts.org.

CalPERS Workshop

A California Public Employees' Retirement System planning workshop for classified employees, supervisors and managers will be offered from 2 to 4:30 p.m. Tuesday, March 5 at the Personnel Commission, 4400 Ladoga Ave., Lakewood.

Join representatives from CalPERS and the Long Beach Unified School District's Payroll and Risk Management offices in the auditorium to learn about new retirement options and benefits, selecting the best date to retire, how retirement benefits are calculated, and how sick leave converts to service credit.

This workshop is a classified staff development activity subject to release time with manager approval. Be sure to obtain manager authorization prior to registering. Find the registration form under Personnel Commission at lbschools.net. Questions? Call 435-5708.

Parking is available in the lot on the corner of Ladoga Avenue and Harvey Way or in the lot on Nipomo Avenue. If lots are full, park only on the school side of the street. Carpooling is recommended.

Kindergarten Fests

Two more Kindergarten Festivals are planned for incoming 2019-20 kindergartners and their families. The popular Saturday events include parent workshops, free school supplies, dental screenings and lots of fun activities.

Following is the schedule of the remaining festivals, which are planned for 9 a.m. to noon (registration begins at 8:45 a.m.):

- Feb. 23 at Oropeza Elementary School, 700 Locust Ave., Long Beach;
- March 9 at Burcham Elementary School, 5610 Monlaco Road, Long Beach.

For more information, call 435-4080, ext. 19.

In Memoriam

Avies Sanders
former teacher
Jan. 25, 2019



MYSTICAL – “Skirt of the Sea” by Stanford Middle School eighth grader Roxana Taboada-Pena is among the pieces in the “Mystical Creatures: Flight of the Imagination” exhibit continuing through March 1 at the Long Beach Museum of Art. View more photos of the exhibit at lbschools.net.

Art Exhibit Features ‘Mystical Creatures’

The Long Beach Museum of Art's annual Long Beach Unified School District middle school exhibition continues through March 1 in the Toyota Children's Gallery.

“Mystical Creatures: Flight of the Imagination” includes 89 works of art selected from more than 200 submitted by young artists from local middle schools.

The museum also recently held an opening reception where student artists and their families viewed the exhibit.

Participating schools are Bancroft, Franklin, Hoover, Hughes, Marshall, Rogers, Stanford and Stephens.

The museum is located at 2300 Ocean Blvd., Long Beach.

Can't make it to the exhibit? View photos by finding this article at lbschools.net.

Schools here continue to offer a comprehensive, sequential program of study in the arts, including dance, drama, music and visual arts.

Weight Watchers

To help employees keep their 2019 weight loss resolutions, Weight Watchers is offering a free starter kit to those who newly enroll between Feb. 11 and March 1. Register within that timeframe to redeem the free starter kit by March 15 while supplies last. Look for the promotional flyer at work sites.

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Submit Requests for Transfer by March 31

Human Resource Services is accepting transfer requests from teachers who wish to change school sites for the 2019-20 school year. Refer to the Teachers Association of Long Beach agreement, Article VIII for guidelines. Applications are now available and are due March 31.

The application can be completed and submitted online via the myLBUSD portal at lbschools.net (go to Employees > myLBUSD). Log in with your username and password. From the applications menu, select My Employee Information, then Certificated Transfers.

Request for Transfer forms are also available at schools and the TALB office, and they can be downloaded and printed from the lbschools.net public website (select Human Resource Services in the A-Z index, then For Current Employees). Computers also are available for use in the HRS lobby.

Teachers may submit requests for transfer whether or not that position appears as a vacancy. Transfer requests are valid through the end of the first seven student days of the following traditional school year. Call ext. 8658 for more information.

Names in the News

Wilson High School senior **Delilah Gallegos** was selected as the Association of California School Administrators Region XIV Every Student Succeeding Honoree. The award goes to students who have shown great perseverance despite difficult circumstances.

Washington Middle School Principal

Megan Traver earned an

Impact Award from Long

Beach City Prosecutor

Doug Haubert's office.

The awards honor people

who work with the prosecutor's

office to create

positive change in the

city. Traver was recognized

for her efforts on the

“All In” program, a

Long Beach Unified

School District partner-

ship to assist students

who are chronically absent from school.



Traver

Summer Jobs for Classified Workers

The Personnel Commission is accepting applications for 10-month employees interested in working for the School Enrichment and Learning (SEAL) Program for 2019. 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 program are June 24 to July 19 for elementary, middle and K-8 schools. High school dates are June 24 to July 26.

Instructions on accessing electronic or paper applications are available under Personnel Commission in the A-Z index at lbschools.net (then select Summer Information).

The deadline to apply is 4:30 p.m. Friday, March 15.