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**PRESIDENT AND PRINCIPAL –** Wilson High School Spring ASB President Vishmi Weerasuriya with Wilson Co-Principal Gonzalo Moraga.

## Wilson Student's Heartfelt Thanks

Wilson High School senior and ASB President Vishmi Weerasuriya served as the student representative at the most recent Board of Education meeting, where she gave a customary report on the latest developments at her school. Later in the meeting she shared her impromptu impressions of the school board members, who had just given their reports about the many goings-on districtwide.

"I'm just sitting here and watching and listening to you guys. Every single one of you is so amazing. It's just amazing how much you guys care," she said. "I wish every student could sit here and just witness like this, because they would feel so cared for. I guess we just don't think out of our bubble, and sitting here and watching you guys, it's like wow, you really go to these (events), and you really check on us... I think it's completely amazing, so what I'm saying is thank you."

View video by finding this article at [lbschools.net](http://lbschools.net).

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A "Soccer on Wheels" ed.news segment features a new activity at the Tucker Adult Transition Program. Student athletes in modified wheelchairs are guided by a wingman (or wingwoman) to score a goal, with fans and cheerleaders rooting them on. Adult Transition is a post-high school program for students ages 18 to 22 who have special needs.

## CAMS, McBride Celebrate New Certifications

McBride High School and the California Academy of Mathematics and Science have earned key certifications for providing students specialized academic and career pathways. The certifications by independent reviewers affirm the high quality of college and career preparation programs at these schools.

McBride earned Linked Learning Gold pathway certifications for its Engineering pathway and its Criminal Justice and Investigations pathway. Meanwhile CAMS earned the Project Lead the Way Distinguished School honor for providing students "broad access to transformative learning opportunities" in computer science, biomedical science and engineering. CAMS is one of only 64 high schools across the nation to receive that award.

"It is a great honor to recognize CAMS for their commitment to students," said Vince Bertram, President and CEO of PLTW. "They are a model for what school should look like, and they should be very proud of ensuring students have the knowledge and skills to be

career ready and successful on any career path they choose. The work you do to truly empower students is some of the most important in our society."

PLTW is a leading provider of science, technology, engineering and math curriculum. To be eligible for the honor, CAMS had to:

- Offer at least three PLTW courses;
- Have 25 percent of students or more participate in PLTW courses, or of those who participated in PLTW, at least 33 percent had to take two or more PLTW courses during their high school tenure;
- Have 70 percent of students or more earn a proficient score or higher on PLTW end-of-course assessments, or 10 percent of students earn the Advanced Placement + PLTW Student Achievement, which offers a pathway providing both types of classes.

McBride is one of the first schools to earn the Gold Certification after participating in a pilot effort. Linked Learning pathways

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## Jordan AP Coordinator Nationally Published

Jordan High School Advanced Placement Coordinator Sondra McNair has published an article titled "Advanced Placement for all" on the national Smart Brief website. The website serves nearly six million senior executives and industry professionals nationwide.

McNair is a National Board Certified Teacher who has taught English for 20 years. In her recent article, McNair describes efforts by Jordan and the Long Beach Unified School District to provide students greater access to AP college prep courses and exams.

With about 80 percent of Jordan students receiving subsidized meals, and many of the students among the first in their families to go to college, the AP initiative is especially important for this school. McNair works with students, colleagues and the community to support students who might not otherwise participate in AP courses.

In her article, McNair details some of the strategies and tools that she and her colleagues

use. The school's AP Café, for instance, is a dedicated student space with computers, whiteboards and flexible seating.



McNair

"No coffee is served but the café gives students a place where they study, get tutoring, complete make-up work, sign out a Chromebook or print out an assignment," McNair said. "Or, they can decompress and play some Uno. The goal is to foster a sense of community and let students know they have a place to get help if they need it."

McNair's article also describes the digital learning resources – Khan Academy, Google Classroom and more – that augment classroom instruction and help students to prepare for AP exams. She discusses ways in which the school makes Wi-Fi and computer hardware more accessible to students.

As with the other LBUSD high schools, Jordan offers affordable AP exams. The exams typically cost \$94 each, but students pay just \$5 per exam for an unlimited number of exams. A rewards program includes yard signs for Jordan students who pass AP tests.

The AP effort at Jordan is getting results. From 2013 to 2017, the percentage of students in grades 11 and 12 who enrolled in one or more AP course increased from 34 percent to 46 percent.

"We're proud of our progress," McNair said.

Find the full article at [smartbrief.com](http://smartbrief.com). Search for "Advanced Placement for all."



**BUILDING BRIDGES** – LBPB Deputy Chief Richard Conant and Cabrillo High School Dean Lori Andrews helped to arrange a “community building circle.”

## Names in the News

Grant Elementary School K-2 Intervention Specialist **Griselda Meza-Allani** earned an Award of Classroom Excellence from the California Association of Teachers of English. One elementary award is given each year. The Long Beach Public Library Foundation and its Executive Director **Kate Azar** received a CATE Award of Merit and commendation for their work with schools and the Dictionary Days program.

Wilson High School seniors **Mariana Markouizos** and **Dezi Pineda** were invited to participate in the National Hispanic Recognition Program with the College Board. Colleges use this program to identify academically exceptional Hispanic/Latino students for admission into their universities.

Beach High School Principal **Troy Bennett** will be honored on Wednesday, April 10 as a Site Partner of the Year at an annual breakfast for the BLAST organization (Better Learning for All Students Today). The keynote speaker will be LBUSD Board of Education Member **Juan Benitez**. The 7:30 a.m. event takes place at the Long Beach Yacht Club. Learn more at [lbbblast.org](http://lbbblast.org) > Events > Breakfast BLAST.

Millikan High School counselor **Mary Cahill** was honored by the 2019 College Board Counselor Recognition Program.

“It’s an honor to highlight the important work of innovative, results-oriented counselors who are committed to student success and opportunity,” College Board Vice President Lorraine Hastings said.

## In Memoriam

**Jose T. Martinez**  
former plant supervisor  
Feb. 18, 2019

**Robert Brigham**  
former stage technician  
March 12, 2019

## Cabrillo High’s ‘Community Building Circle’

Cabrillo High School welcomed Long Beach Police Department Deputy Chief Richard Conant recently after he offered to visit the students and provide a glimpse of how LBPB is committed to serving their community and hearing their concerns.

Working with Cabrillo Dean of Students Lori Andrews, the deputy chief held a “community building circle” with about 500 students. He shared the story of his childhood, growing up in Compton with his grandmother and uncle, and the struggle that he had as a youth being tempted by gangs. He invited guests including Melanie Washington, the Founder of MATFA (Mentoring A Touch From Above), a mother who had lost her son to gang violence.

Deputy Chief Conant and the LBPB are part of Cabrillo’s Restorative Justice Task Force,

composed of community members and organizations committed to supporting students and helping them build community.

“The event was so successful that the chief asked to come back and hold more community building circles with students on a regular basis,” Andrews said.

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combine challenging academics, demanding technical courses, and work-based learning focused on an industry theme.

“We deeply appreciate all of your hard work and are grateful for the inspiration and example you have set for others who are working to implement high-quality Linked Learning pathways,” said Anne B. Stanton, president of the Linked Learning Alliance. The alliance is a statewide coalition of education, industry and community organizations dedicated to improving California’s high schools and preparing students for success in college, career and life.

## Jordan Students ‘Dream It, Be It’

More than 30 students from Jordan High School’s Female Leadership Academy recently participated in a workshop called “Dream It, Be It!” provided by the Soroptimist of Long Beach service club.

The club’s Dream It, Be It curriculum reaches girls in secondary school who face obstacles to their future success. Through small group workshops, the club mentors girls on setting and achieving their goals, moving forward after setbacks or failures, and discovering career opportunities. The nonprofit Long Beach Career-Linked Learning, or Long Beach CaLL, helped to make the workshop at Jordan possible.

The slogan of Soroptimist International is “Women at their best, working to help other women to be their best.” The club first formed in 1921 in Oakland at a time when women were not permitted to join service organizations. The name Soroptimist, loosely translated from the Latin, means “best for women.”

Learn more about the Dream It, Be It program at [soroptimist.org](http://soroptimist.org) > Program Resources.

## Summer Internships

The nonprofit Long Beach Career-Linked Learning’s Summer 2019 Internship Program connects Long Beach students to internships at businesses in Long Beach and surrounding areas. The goal of the program is to help people ages 16 to 18 to develop personal and professional skills that contribute to their success in the workforce.

Long Beach CaLL is a partnership among the Long Beach Unified School District, Long Beach City College and Cal State Long Beach. Internships are work-based learning experiences with direct supervision and evaluation by an adult. At least 60 hours are required for the internship, 120 preferred, over a minimum of six weeks from June 17 to Aug. 24.

Applicants must be at least 16 years old by June 15. The deadline to submit internship request forms is March 31. Learn more at [longbeachcall.org](http://longbeachcall.org).

## Weight Watchers

Employees who have not yet taken advantage of free Weight Watchers starter kits this year can still do so if they newly enroll from April 1 to 19. Register by April 19 to redeem a free starter kit by May 3 while supplies last.

Look for the promotional flier at worksites.

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## Dates to Remember

<b>April</b>	National Autism Awareness Month School Library Awareness Month National Poetry Month
<b>1</b>	April Fools’ Day
<b>2</b>	International Children’s Book Day 9:00, 9:30, 10:00, 11:30, 12:00, 12:30, 1:00, 2:00— “The Velveteen Rabbit,” Grades K-5, ed.tv 8
<b>4</b>	Third Quarter Ends
<b>5</b>	10:00, 11:30, 12:00, 12:30— “You Can Refuse,” Grades 5-8, ed.tv 8
<b>7-13</b>	National Library Week
<b>9</b>	National Library Workers Day
<b>13</b>	Thomas Jefferson’s Birthday
<b>15-19</b>	Public School Volunteer Week
<b>17</b>	8:00, 10:15, 11:30, 1:00, 2:00— “Arbor Day/Earth Day,” Grades K-12, ed.tv 8
<b>18</b>	Anniversary of Paul Revere’s Ride
<b>18</b>	9:30, 10:00, 11:30, 12:00, 12:30— “The Paper Crane,” Grades K-3, ed.tv 8
<b>19</b>	Admission Day (Observed)
<b>19-20</b>	Passover (Pesach), First Days
<b>21</b>	Easter Sunday
<b>21-27</b>	National Student Leadership Week
<b>22</b>	Earth Day
<b>21-27</b>	Administrative Professionals Week
<b>22-26</b>	Spring Recess
<b>24</b>	Administrative Professionals Day
<b>25</b>	Take Our Daughters and Sons to Work Day
<b>26-27</b>	Passover (Pesach), Concluding Days
<b>26</b>	National Arbor Day
<b>28</b>	Orthodox Easter Sunday
<b>30</b>	9:00, 9:30, 10:00, 11:30, 12:00, 12:30, 1:00, 2:00— “Cinco de Mayo,” Grades K-4, ed.tv 8