

PROGRAM

~ Check In ~

5:00-5:25

*Feel free to browse the member recognition boards,
and purchase some cocktails.*

~ Welcome by TALB President Gerry Morrison ~

5:25

Introductions.

~ Dinner ~

5:30-6:30

~ Award Presentations ~

6:30 – 7:00

*Outstanding Student Scholarship Awards
Career Advancement Scholarship Awards*

~ Honored Retirees ~

~ Golden Apple

~ Golden Star ~

~ Celebration ~

7:00-9:00

Music, dancing, photo booth, casino games.

Congratulations

On behalf of the Long Beach Unified School District, we extend our warmest congratulations on your well-deserved accolades and retirements. Your dedication has touched the lives of countless students and left a lasting impact on both their journeys and ours.

To those receiving an award or scholarship, we are incredibly proud of you and all that you have done to earn this noteworthy accomplishment. For those of you retiring, we thank you for your years of devoted service. The spirit of a true educator never leaves the classroom... it echoes through generations.



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TALB Scholarship Foundation

Outstanding Student Scholarship Award

The Outstanding Student Scholarship Award is given by the TALB Scholarship Foundation to recognize outstanding student achievement in the areas of academics, leadership, and civic engagement. Recipients are well-rounded individual that demonstrate a notable capacity for learning and service to others.

Tempest Plambeck



My name is Tempest Plambeck. I'm a senior graduating from Renaissance High School for the Arts, and I am an actor and dancer. This fall I will be attending NYU Tisch School of the Arts and majoring in Drama. I would like to thank TALB for awarding me this scholarship that will help me achieve my dreams.

*Thank you,
Tempest Plambeck*

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Marivi Vergara



It is a great honor to receive the 2025 TALB Outstanding Scholarship Award, and I am grateful for the scholarship selection committee's belief and support in me. This scholarship will help fund my education at Columbia and enable me to pursue my studies with fewer worries. Unfortunately, I will not be able to attend the celebration as I will be presenting my capstone project at Open House during the event. Nonetheless, I am very appreciative of receiving this scholarship and wish I was available to attend. Thank you for your time and consideration.

*Sincerely,
Marivi Vergara*

TALB Scholarship Foundation

Career Advancement Scholarship Award

The TALB Career Advancement Scholarship Award is given by the TALB Scholarship Foundation to recognize the value of educators pursuing higher education in order to grow one's capacity as an effective educator. Recipients are current teachers that demonstrate a notable desire to grow as a more effective educator.

Dominique Marena Dillard

The Future Educators Scholarship Award

The Future Educators Scholarship Award is given by the TALB Scholarship Foundation to recognize the importance of new people entering the education profession. Recipients are college students or newly hired teachers that demonstrate a notable capacity for teaching.

Maria Rosario Tuazon Deseo

Honored Retirees



Laura Castillo-Roberts
McBride High School
38.5 Years Teaching
28.5 Years LBUSD

"The real goal of education is to empower students with knowledge, sensitivity, and courage to act, reform, and contribute to the world."

Honored Retirees



Virginia Divers
Lindsey Middle School
33 Years Teaching
18 Years LBUSD

I have been teaching in Long Beach for 18 years. I started my career at Lindberg in a Special ED classroom in the summer of 2007. I have always been amazed by the training we have from the district. I have always loved that! I moved to Lindsey two years later and have stayed my whole career. I have worked with many talented teachers who believe in working hard and doing what is best for the kids. We love our kids. I want to thank all the administration team I was able to work with over the years and being part of a work family. I will miss everyone I have met over the years, and I thank you for all we do!

Honored Retirees



Gerald Kuehn, (Jerry)
Powell Academy
41 Years Teaching
27 Years LBUSD

From the boy who used to spend more time in the Principal's office than he did something changed and education became a focus for me. I began teaching in the International School circuit learning different languages, cultures, and experiencing life through a different focus. Traveling throughout Central America and South America was the dream come true!

The many years dedicated to students who have come through the doors of my rooms has been extremely rewarding. People who have supported me, like my wife and children are especially important to me. It's time to spend more time with them.

Honored Retirees



Julianne McCall
Nelson Academy
38 Years Teaching
28 Years LBUSD

I have enjoyed my students and my colleagues...and a few of my administrators :-).

Teaching Physical Education, Health and Coaching Girls Soccer, Boys and Girls Track and Field, and Boys and Girls Cross-Country successfully has fulfilled my career aspirations.

Honored Retirees



Kathleen McCormick
Cubberley Elementary
35 Years Teaching
35 Years LBUUSD

I was recruited to teach for LBUUSD while attending a college fair in upstate New York in 1990. I drove cross country in August of that year and was assigned a kindergarten position at Whittier Elementary. After being displaced at the end of my first year of teaching, I was assigned a 2nd grade class at Cubberley Elementary, where I have spent the remainder of my career teaching TK, K, 1st, 2nd, 3rd, and 5th grade.

I received a master's in administration and Preliminary Administrative Credential in 1993 and the NBPTS Credential ten years later, allowing me to provide support to teachers throughout the district for the next 20 years.

I am retiring after 35 years with LBUUSD. It has been a very rewarding and fulfilling journey.

Honored Retirees



Sharon Schreiber-Fisher
Cubberley Elementary
34 Years Teaching
29 Years LBUSD

I've worked 5 years as a paraprofessional and 29 years as a certificated employee.

I've been at Barton, Board Bldg., TRC, Signal Hill, Burcham, Longfellow, and Cubberley. What I've enjoyed most is the opportunity to have many roles at many places and the amazing mentors and friends that I have met along the way.

Honored Retirees



Michelle Sellers
Poly High School
Nurse of the Year 2024
27 Years LBUUSD

I'm a Registered Nurse who worked 27 years for Long Beach Unified School District as a Credentialed School Nurse. From 1998 – 2003, I was at Hamilton Middle School (5 years); 2003 – 2024 at Polytechnic High School (21 years) and 2024 – 2025 at Student Support Services as one of the Lead Nurses.

What I enjoyed most in my career was working with the students in the high school setting while at Poly. I liked helping them with making everyday life decisions. It was a pleasure serving the Long Beach Community, a community where I was born and raised, where I and my two children went to school, where I worked and retired from as a School Nurse.

Many of my colleagues became good friends. We camped, exercised together, enjoyed spa days, dined for dinner, traveled the US and outside the country, attended concerts and sporting events, dabbled with making crafts, fellowshiped at church and frequented Disneyland as Season Pass Holders. Long Beach Unified School District was a great place to work and I am grateful to have worked here.

Honored Retirees



Gretchen Spencer
Kettering Elementary
37 Years Teaching
37 Years LBUSD

My journey into teaching began with a spark ignited in the sixth grade by my teacher, Ms. Jane Adams, at Burnett Elementary School. She was warm, demanding and the epitome of grace—an unforgettable example of what a teacher could be. Inspired by her, I pursued my education at California State University, Long Beach and completed my student teaching at Signal Hill and Longfellow.

I was fortunate to be hired by LBUSD and soon began my teaching career at Signal Hill Elementary School, where I taught for one year. The majority of my career has been at Kettering Elementary School, the best little school in Long Beach.

Over the years, I've had the privilege of mentoring student teachers, helping to guide and support the next generation of educators.

This career has been one of great joy, filled with incredible students, thoughtful families, supportive administrators, and a dedicated team of colleagues whom I will cherish always. I am so grateful for the relationships, memories and sense of purpose this profession has given me.

Honored Retirees



Patrick Wilkerson
Tincher Elementary
30 Years Teaching
30 Years LBUSD

The thing I enjoyed most in my career was instilling a "hard work" ethic and watch it pay off in the lives of my students.



Roberta Lanterman
Cubberley K-8
36 Years Teaching
36 Years LBUSD

I began teaching kindergarten in 1989 at Smith (formerly Burnett). In 1994 I became the program facilitator for the District's Family Literacy Program. The Family Literacy program served over 100 families per year for 20 years at Burnett, King, Lee, Chavez, McKinley, and Long Beach School for Adults. It was recognized nationally as a best practice model. In 2015, I was fortunate to be placed as the TK teacher at Cubberley School where I will end my career with LBUSD. I look forward to spending more time with family and friends and waking up without an alarm clock!

24-25 Retirees

Cheri Alexander
Mark Allen
Melisa Allen
Robert Allen
Stephanie Bassard-Jones
Patricia Bell
Laura Bellin
Stephanie Bilvado
Vicki Bloomberg
Peggy Boyd
Michele Brennan
Melisa Brooks
Suzanne Burk
Narumol Burner
Joan Calhoun
Jocelyn Carlson
Tammy Carsten
Mary Cash
Laura Castillo-Roberts
Michael Christensen
Rosa Colorado
Elizabeth Courter
Donald Creamer
Robin Creason
Georgia Cunradi
Marissa Del Rosario
Sonia Diaz
Virginia Divers
Deborah Drab
Miryana Dragoyevich
Mari Elam
Alicia Estrada

Arnold Estrada
Catherine Fields
Joshua Frazer
Jerry Gilmore
Stephanie Gonzalez
Christine Hankins
Irene Harris
Kellie Hauser
Cathy Haver
Jason Hazel
Jody Hedley
Matthew Hedley
Daniel Heneghan
Earl Huckabee Jr
Denise Hull
Susan Hunt
La Wanda Johnson
Terry Johnson
Bonsita Jones
Gwenevere Jones
Nina Jorling
Christie Kacmarcik
Margaret Kaspar
Sandra Katz
Nicolas Kincaid
Curt Knowles
Diane Koury
Sara Kovarik
Christopher Lamb
Jeanine Lambert
Richard Lamprecht
Suzanne Laniado-Mcinroy

24-25 Retirees

Roberta Lanterman
Paul Lavecchio
Richard Lawrence
Tracy Leong
Michaelann Lind
Nancy Lopez-Hernandez
Maria Lores-Castro
Deborah Martin
Juliane Mccall
Kathleen McCormick
Katherine Mcguire
Maradel Millhouse
Timothy Moncure
Song Moon
Dana More
Micaela Moreno
Sandra Morgan
Shannon Mulvaney
Sandra Myers-Lajeunesse
Edmee Myrick
Martha Neria
Linda Nyquist
John O'Connor
Suzanne Okin
Jessica Parker
Kathleen Platt
David Poerschke
Carole Powers
Joyce Ramirez
Ronald Reed
Samuel Reyburn
Kathryn Rigdon

Barbara Roberts
Adrienne Rodgers-Reeves
Lydia Romero
Magdalena Romo
Sharon Schreiber-Fisher
Stephen Schwichtenberg
Michelle Sellers
Albert Shaheen
Ralph Siemsen
Douglas Simerlink
Maeline Simon
Andrew Smith
Lydia Sosa
Deanna Spencer
Gretchen Spencer
Jennifer Stuart
Lisa Sugihara-Lamb
Kandi Taylor
Roberta Teran
Anthony Theisen
Joyce Thursby
Elisa Turien
Wendy Wahlen
Leslie Walker
Shawn Weaver
Diane Wentzel
Stacey Westling
Patrick Wilkerson
James Willert
Stacey Wills
Karen Zappe

Awards Recipients

Golden Apple Recipients

AWARDS COMMITTEE – GOLDEN APPLE AND GOLDEN STAR AWARDS Standing Rule 17.1 – Criteria for the TALB Golden Apple and Golden Star Award a. The nominee must be a TALB member. b. The nominee must meet these three (3) criteria for consideration: 1.The nominee must demonstrate outstanding performance. 2. The nominee should have served the community outside of their assigned site. 3.The nominee should have participated in teacher or professional organizations. c. Two (2) or more nominations must be submitted for each nominee. At least one (1) of the nominations must be given by members of TALB.

Bandaul Chansy, Harte Elementary

Jason Goldfischer, Lakewood High

Terrie Haynes, McBride High School

Emily Lloyd, Powell Academy

Juliane McCall, Nelson Academy

Colette Napier, Prisk Elementary

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Angela Hullett, Smith Head Start

Horalia Vargas, King H.S.

Member Recognition



Glenda Culbertson

2025 Teacher Librarian of the Year
Long Beach School Librarians Association



C.J. Corey-Holder

2025 School Nurse of the Year
Long Beach School Nurse Association

Member Recognition

CTA WHO Award 2025



Wendy Eulo

TALB Board Member

TALB Lakewood Area Director, Wendy Eulo was recently honored by CTA for her years of work in the Association. Wendy was presented with the WHO award in a ceremony and dinner in Los Angeles. Congratulations to Wendy!

Member Recognition

National Board Certification 2024-25

Christina Townsend

James Cooperider

Courtney Zebrowski

Tritia Brown

TALB Scholarship Foundation

Blue Ribbon Committee

Thank you to the TALB Scholarship Foundation Blue Ribbon Committee (BRC) for volunteering their time to review the many submitted scholarship applications. The BRC was comprised of retired teachers: Ingrid Ramos, Cynthia Archambault, Todd Johnson and past TALB president Tony Diaz. The BRC utilized a point-based evaluation system to review applications. Top scoring applicants were ranked to determine award recipients and runner-up awards.

Member Activities

Membership Activities in 2024-25



- Annual Executive Board Training Retreat (August)
- Annual Rep Training & Meeting (August)
- TALB BOD meeting (Monthly)
- School site visits (Weekly)
- K-12 Rep Council meetings (Monthly)
- Bargaining meetings with LBUUSD (Monthly)
- Kindergarten Forum (September, November, January)
- CDC-HS Rep Council meetings (4 times a year)
- TALB Family Picnic – Halloween (October)
- Security Benefit Retirement workshop (October)
- New Teacher Orientation (November)
- Grievance Training (November & March)
- TALB Open House (December 1)
- Martin Luther King Jr. Parade and Lunch (January)
- TALB Beer Club Brewery Visits (monthly)
- Organizing training (February)
- Hosted a variety of meetings to address member concerns.
- TALB @ Dodger Stadium Club Suites & Field Level Seats (April)
- TALB Parking BBQ party Spring Social Member Appreciation Day
- California Day of the Teacher, and Better Hearing & Speech Month (May)
- TALB Retiree Celebration Banquet (June)

TALB Leadership

Board of Directors 2024-25



Gerry Morrison
President



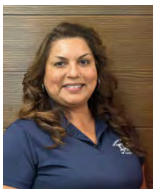
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Bernice Banares
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Area Director



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Area Director



Peder Larsen
Jordan Even Year
Area Director



Jason Goldfischer
Lakewood Even Year
Area Director



Wendy Eulo
Lakewood Odd Year
Area Director

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Area Director



Rachel Baraona
Millikan Odd Year
Area Director

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Donna Mansell
Poly Odd Year
Area Director

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Annette Quintero
Poly Even Year
Area Director



Robin Creason
Wilson Odd Year
Area Director



Robert Rigney
Wilson Even Year
Area Director



Renee Brown
Minority-at-Large
Director



Melody Henry
CDC/Head Start
Director

TALB Leadership

Committees / Task Force Chairs

Bargaining Team

Bylaws/Standing Rules Committee

Elections Committee

Racial Equity Affairs Committee

Finance Committee

Grievance Committee

Membership Committee

Organizing Committee

Community Schools

Counselors Task Force

ETK/TK/K Task Force

Dual Immersion Task Force

Librarian Task Force

Nurses Task Force

Psychologists Task Force

Special Education Task Force

Speech & Language Task Force

Corrin Hickey

Peder Larsen

Stephanie Seecof/Kelsey Hutchison

Renee Brown

John Olgin

George Garcia

John Solomon

Grace Castro/Annette Quintero

Rocio Torres/Susan Garcia

Terence Booth

Marion Nguli

Rosa Palacios

Glenda Culbertson

Christine Gibson

Heidee Stoica

Bernice Banares/Rachel Baraona

Barbara Cunningham

TALB Leadership

TALB Association Representatives



The **TALB Representative Council** is composed of at least one representative from each school site in the Long Beach Unified School District. Representatives are elected by the TALB members at their respective school sites each year.

The representative (Rep) is the direct link between the Association and its members. Reps serve members at his/her site by representing members in grieving and discipline matters, holding meetings, distributing literature and materials, and conferring with site administrators on teacher concerns. The K-12 Rep also represents the teachers at his/her site as a voting member of TALB's policy-making body at the K-12 Representative Council that meets monthly. CDC/Head Start Reps have a quarterly meeting to discuss relevant issues and concerns with the CDC/Head Start Chairperson, who has a seat on the TALB Board of Directors.

TALB Awards Committee

The **TALB Unity Celebration** is our annual membership banquet inclusive of all TALB members to celebrate all K-12, CDC, and Head Start educators; to honor retirees; and to recognize outstanding achievement and contributions in education and in the Association.

The following TALB members volunteered many hours throughout the entire school year serving on the **TALB Awards Committee** in order to plan and organize tonight's TALB Unity Celebration membership banquet.

Gina Bonetati-Callopy
Rosa Palacios
Maria Garcia
Berenice Banares
John Solomon
Steven Everett
Sandra Conrad
Allinette Dean Richardson
Bernice Banares
Jason Goldfischer
Horalia Vargas
Melody Henry

TALB Staff



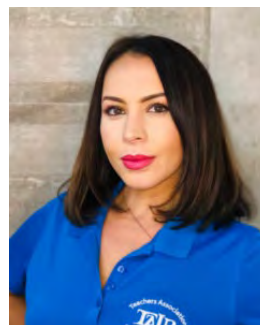
Chris Callopy
Executive Director



Milton Duena
Assistant Executive Director



Ingrid Perez
Field Services Specialist
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Accounts Payable/Receivable,
Elections



Blanca Paredes
Field Services Specialist
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Print Communications

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Grant, Felton,& Goldstein LLP

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2 Star Sponsors
\$250+
Schools First Federal Credit Union



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- Door prizes at our New Teacher Orientation event for newly hired educators in LBUSD.
- Door prizes at our annual Rep Training event.
- Ponies & Petting Zoo for our annual TALB Family Picnic.
- Support for our TALB Chili Cook-Off.
- Support for our annual TALB Parking Lot BBQ.
- Support for our annual TALB Unity Celebration Banquet.



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