



News Release

Port Launches Expanded Education Plan

Updated program debuted with upcoming internships, scholarships

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The Port of Long Beach announced Tuesday, May 13, the award of education scholarships totaling \$43,500 to 28 local high school and college students. At the same time, the Port introduced an expanded Education Outreach Plan at the "Celebrating Education Reception" held at the Museum of Latin American Art.



The Education Outreach Plan, which was approved by the Board of Harbor Commissioners on Monday, May 12, will dedicate \$150,000 in seed money for three key initiatives: a new online education portal, a maritime career exploration fair in the fall and a teacher externship program in summer 2015.

"We're proud of our role as an economic engine, and we're proud to 'fuel' that engine by supporting the best and brightest as they further their education," said Doug Drummond, President of the Board of Harbor Commissioners.

Frank Capó, Senior Vice President and Chief Commercial Officer for Port of Long Beach terminal operator Total Terminals International, was honored with the Port's first Champion of Education Award, recognizing him for his longstanding support for Port programs educating local students about international trade. The keynote speaker was Ebony Loeb, Black Belt Manager for Ports America, who received a Port scholarship in 2010 while earning her Master of Arts in Global Logistics at CSULB.

This year's scholarship winners are:

- Long Beach Unified School District Scholars: Christopher David Chen, Chelsi Harris, Gabriel Picazo, Makaylah Respicio, Edith A. Rodriguez, Jasmine Yam and Doowon Yang.
- Long Beach City College Woodrow Wilson Memorial Scholars: Chaisnarlee Nguon and Mei Raczkowski.
- School of Career and Technical Education at Long Beach City College: David Bumpers.
- Global Logistics Specialist Program at Cal State Long Beach: Kristine Baray, Ryan Endres, Jacques Goueth and Jaime Medina.
- California State University, Long Beach, College of Business Administration: Mekhruboni Aziz, Bin Bin Cheng, Maribel Francisco, Lesly Yohana Garcia, Samantha Ibarra, David Iskander, Armando Morales, Yesenia Morales, Stacy Phung, Xinyun Shan, Bonita Touch Sim, Dao Vuong Quynh Tran, Alexa Ullom and Lhea Villarreal.

Also recognized were 25 students from eight Long Beach-area high schools chosen for the Port's 2014 summer internship program, and Lakewood High School senior Jasmine Armenta, who designed the winning entry selected for the Port's official summer 2014 T-shirt.

Since 1993, the Port of Long Beach has awarded scholarships totaling \$549,150 to foster the education and training of the future leaders of international trade and goods movement.

For more information regarding upcoming education-related programs, please visit www.polb.com/education

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