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In its 94th year of service to the community

## Superintendent Nichols retiring from DUSD

Dr. Terry Nichols announced his decision to retire from the Duarte Unified School District (DUSD) after 14 years of distinguished service to the district that included five years as Superintendent.

Dr. Nichols got his start in the field of education as a teacher and coach in his home state of Arkansas 37 years ago. He first became a member of DUSD in 1998 as the Principal of Northview Intermediate School. Dr. Nichols then went on to serve as the Principal of Duarte High School, Director of Curriculum and Instruction and Assistant Superintendent of Instructional Services. After a brief term as Superintendent of Schools at Claremont Unified, Dr. Nichols returned to DUSD and has remained at the helm of the district ever since 2011.

"I am very proud that my time as Superintendent will be included within the incredible story of the Duarte Unified School District, and I firmly believe there will continue to be no better place to educate a child because this community values education. I have had the privilege of working with many wonderful people in-

cluding administrators, teachers, support staff, parents, volunteers, community leaders, business owners and board of education members who dedicated much of their time and talent. Together we worked as a team so that as soon as Duarte students earn their high school diplomas, they are prepared to work, lead, and make positive contributions to our global community," said Dr. Nichols. "Nothing pleases me more than knowing our children have hope for a bright future."

Under his leadership, DUSD committed to equipping students with the 21st Century skills all high school graduates need in order to flourish in an exceedingly competitive world. Dr. Nichols led the charge for the active recruitment of Duarte Unified students by universities and employers offering immediate career opportunities, which is why DUSD is now known as the proud home of the Shoulder Tapped Graduates.

Over the past five years the district has increased student achievement test scores across the board, narrowed the achievement gap and transitioned to the

Common Core State Standards. Throughout some of the worst fiscal times in recent California history, DUSD has remained financially solvent and maintained high credit ratings. Dr. Nichols has been a leader in advocating for more adequate state funding and was able to bring in substantial competitive grant resources.

In addition, Dr. Nichols was instrumental in ushering in the age-of-technology in Duarte Unified. Now all schools are connected to the district's Wide Area Network to provide the entire DUSD community immediate access to web based programs and educational online resources to improve teaching, learning and communication. The district also partnered with the non-profit organization One Million NIU, to achieve the goal of every student having a computer in their homes with affordable access to the internet.

## Service groups to 'compete' April 30, raise funds for Special Olympics

Duarte service groups will compete for dollars while helping raise funds for the Special Olympics during the "Duarte Service Groups Olympics" on April 30 from 5:30 to 7:30 p.m. at the Duarte Community Center, 1600 Huntington Drive.

Each \$30 ticket purchased will help support the City's Special Olympics Host Town Program efforts taking place on July 22, 2015. From the admission cost, \$20 will be allocated to the Special Olympics and the remaining \$10 will be allocated to the Service Group Competition. The

service group selling the most tickets will receive the first place award of \$500. The balance of the Service Group Olympic Competition fund will be equally distributed amongst the participating service groups. Mirna de Lira Lopez, an active community member and local business owner of DLL Technologies, LLC, spearheaded the fundraiser. DLL Community, a subsidiary of DLL Technologies, is also sponsoring the event.

The City of Duarte, in part-

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## New Superintendent search begins at DUSD

In light of Dr. Terry Nichols' decision to retire at the end of the 2014-15 school year, the Board of Education of the Duarte Unified School District has begun the search process to select a new district superintendent.

Community input about the

desired characteristics to be used in recruiting and selecting this person is desired. The Board is soliciting input and wants to know what personal and professional qualities for an incoming superintendent you think will be a match for the Duarte Unified School District.

Kent Bechler and Richard Thome of Leadership Associates were selected to advise the Board in this important process. They were in our district on February 20 and 21, and held open forums to gain individual input from members of the community, parents, employees and others interested in our district.

Those unable to attend these sessions still have the opportunity to provide their thoughts by completing an online survey that can be accessed on the district website at [www.duarteusd.org](http://www.duarteusd.org). People may also send a fax to (760) 771-4277 or an email to [lhunt@leadershipassociates.org](mailto:lhunt@leadershipassociates.org). To speak by phone to either Kent Bechler or Richard Thome, please call (760) 771-4277. For questions regarding the Superintendent search process, please contact Mercedes Ruiz at (626) 599-5037 or [mruiz@duarteusd.org](mailto:mruiz@duarteusd.org).

## Duarte Health Fair meets goal of serving public



**DUARTE HEALTH FAIR** committee members and some volunteers are shown above as they are ready for the start of the clinical health fair March 14 at Westminster Gardens. Methodist Hospital, in partnership with the Duarte Chamber of Commerce, Westminster Gardens and the City of Duarte presented screenings including full panel blood tests, bone density, vision, blood pressure, BMI and "Ask the Pharmacist" free of charge to attendees over 18. Duarte Mayor Tzeitel Paras-Caracci stopped by and addressed the group. She and Duarte Councilmember Liz Reilly spoke personally with many of those present.

Other sponsors for this first time event included: Assemblymember Roger Hernandez, Duarte Unified School District, HealthCare Partners, Monrovia Providers Group, and San Gabriel Valley Municipal Water District. Participants with additional health information and services included: City of Hope, CHAPCare, Lions Club, and Pax Pharmacy.



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# Duarte students take Center Stage

In an effort to increase opportunities for students interested in all aspects of the performing arts, Duarte High School joined The Latino International Film Institute (LIFI) "Cinema Project" which is now in its second year of production. This venture is supported and run by famed actor and director, Edward James Olmos in collaboration with actress Jessica Just and Polo Munoz, Supervising Producer of "LA Business Today" and Co-Manager, Developer & Instructor of the LIFI Cinema Project. Polo Munoz, and Jessica Just. For the first time, this year Duarte High students participated in a film-making workshop which

featured actors and directors like Miriam Kruishoop, Carlito Rodriguez, Junior Gonzalez, Arthur Fishel, Kainoa Kilcher and Q'orianka Kilcher. LIFI also conducted additional workshops for over 120 students to provide training in screen writing, cinematography, directing, editing, acting, and photography and sound engineering.

LIFI also assisted to arrange for 4 episodes of "LA Business Today" to be filmed at Duarte High School by students in the Video Production Class. Hosted by news veterans Bob and Sharon Jimenez locally on Channel 35, "L.A. Business Today" is a

thirty-minute television interview program that provides information on the business climate of the city of Los Angeles. The show features interviews with economic forecasters, economic policy planners, business educators and the founders, CEOs, CFOs and managers of the most significant public and private businesses within Los Angeles.

The Duarte High School Culinary Arts Class even got in on the act by providing food services for the production team and crew during this shoot, and at the KLCS Festival Films

Screenings event. In the spring, DHS students will be interning at the South East European Film Festival (SEEFest) on April 30, 2015 with culinary arts providing craft services and video produc-

tions filming and interviewing actors, directors and producers. DUSD's partnership with LIFI will continue to offer Duarte High School students authentic work experience with professionals in the field, open windows of opportunity into the business and further fuel their passion for the arts.





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# Transformations in education and transportation serve Duarte area

By Dr. Edward C. Ortell  
Citrus College Governing Board Member

The Information Age has shaped our lives in ways no one could have imagined just a few decades ago. In recent years, once-thriving industries have faded into obscurity, while others have been completely remade. New forms of communication, commerce, entertainment and employment have become commonplace. As a knowledge-based society, we are now able to execute important aspects of our daily lives with speed, convenience and efficiency.

With today's unparalleled access to information made possible by digital technology, it is not surprising that the longstanding paradigm for education is also undergoing transformation. One transformation in education that is sweeping the nation is dual enrollment. Sometimes called "concurrent enrollment" or "early college," dual enrollment programs allow qualified students to fulfill high school graduation requirements while simultaneously earning college credit toward a certificate or degree. It is esti-



DR. EDWARD C. ORTELL

mated that nationwide, more than one million high school students are currently taking at least one college class.

The benefits of dual enrollment programs are many. They eliminate the need to repeat courses with similar content, cut down on remediation, save taxpayer dollars and shorten time-to-degree for students, allowing them to enter the workplace sooner. In addition, dual enrollment encourages close collaboration between high schools and colleges, creating better alignment of secondary and postsecondary curriculum.

Once thought of as programs for high-achieving students only, a growing number of states now see dual enrollment as a way to expand college opportunity for all students, especially those at risk. During a House Education Committee hearing in April 2014, U.S. Secretary of Education Arne Duncan said, "I'm a big, big fan (of dual enrollment). And to be very clear, this is not just good for the high flyers. I actually think these are good dropout-prevention programs." In support of his position, recent research indicates that students who participate in dual enrollment programs before entering college achieve greater success and are more likely to complete a bachelor's degree, as compared to students who entered college as freshmen.

The California Community Colleges Chancellor's Office and the Community College League of California have made passing legislation on dual enrollment a priority in the current legislative session. It would appear this new model for higher education is quickly moving forward in California.

The Early College program

at Duarte High School is a great example of what can be achieved. Early College allows a cohort of Duarte students to take Citrus College courses on their high school campus.

Those who complete the program can earn the equivalent of one year of college credit along with their high school diploma. I am very pleased that Citrus College will roll out a similar Early College program at Gladstone High School in Azusa this year.

As a complement to these dual education programs, residents of Duarte and other cities along the Metro Gold Line Foothill Extension will soon have a new mode of transportation, which will allow them to further their college and career goals. The APU/Citrus College Station, adjacent to the Citrus College campus, is on schedule for completion this fall, and trains could begin running as early as spring 2016.

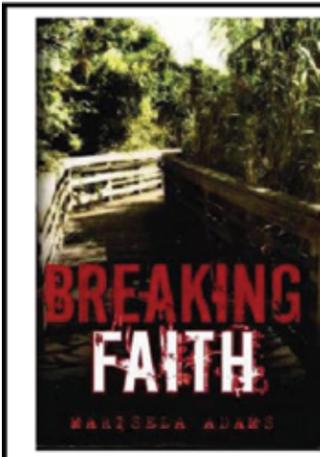
When the next phase from Pasadena to Montclair is fully completed, the Metro Gold Line Foothill Extension will link 15 major educational institutions, which are immediately adjacent to its right-of-way, including the Claremont Colleges, the Univer-

sity of La Verne, Azusa Pacific University and Citrus College.

With the continued growth of the San Gabriel and Inland Valleys, the APU/Citrus College Station will allow Citrus College to meet the increasing demand for innovative educational programs and services in our region. And, as with education, transportation will also undergo change. Each year a new group of students will discover the convenience and benefits of public transportation, creating a generation of individuals who will be less dependent on an automobile.

Transformation of long-established institutions, such as education and transportation, is rarely quick or easy. However, one thing is certain: existing institutions can lead change or become a casualty of it.

Founded in 1915, Citrus College is the oldest community college in Los Angeles County and the fifth oldest in the state. As a longstanding leader among community colleges in the state and nation, I am confident Citrus College will remain on the cutting-edge of education innovation for many years to come.



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# Duarte Unified Awards Golden Apple to Lisa Magno-Marino



LISA MAGNO-MARINO (second from left) was awarded the Association of California School Administrators' 2015 Golden Apple Award by the Duarte Unified School District at a banquet February 25 at the Santa Anita Golf Course. Pictured from left are: Joey Naylor, Lisa's son; Duarte Schools Superintendent Dr. Terry Nichols; and Larry Marino, Lisa's husband.

Lisa Magno-Marino was awarded the Association of California School Administrators' 2015 Golden Apple Award by Superintendent, Dr. Terry Nichols on behalf of the Duarte Unified School District at a banquet held on February 25 at the Santa Anita Golf Course.

Lisa was selected as this year's recipient because of her dedication to Duarte's youth. As a board member of the Duarte Education Foundation and chair of the Music Matters Campaign, Lisa facilitated several successful fundraising events which directly contributed to

# ALERT: Warning for Senior Citizens

Recent statistics show senior citizens are at the top of the list for scam artists. The LA County Sheriff Department had a few incidents reported recently in nearby Temple City, although none have been reported in Duarte. We ask you that you keep alert to prevent this type of criminal activity.

In every instance victims were senior citizens and contacted at a public shopping center parking lots. As the victim tries to get back into their vehicles after shopping they realize their car door which was working earlier won't shut (it appears that the suspect(s) jam the door while the victim is in the store), this is when the scam artist

approaches them and offers to fix it. The scam artist(s) claim to work at a dealership and to be familiar with this common car door issue, they even have the very expensive replacement part readily available to complete the work on site, and promise to give the victim a good deal. The payment for the repair has been in the thousands, up to \$4,000 in one instance. After fixing the door they proceed to drive with the victim to the bank to collect their payment and wait outside the bank to make it even more convenient.

The con artist(s) ask the victims not to contact their family. Please let your friends and family know about this new scam and have them contact Temple Sheriff's Station at (626) 448-9861 or (626) 285-7171 if approached by anyone or if they think they may have been the victim of this scam.

the launch of the district's elementary instrumental music program. Because of her efforts, more than 200 children now have weekly band classes with access to brand new instruments. Lisa's determination, leadership and commitment to ensuring that Music does Matter in Duarte schools is unparalleled.

Lisa is also an active community figure whose efforts have not only benefited children within Duarte, but a range of local citizens including seniors. She purchased the historical Leven Oaks Hotel in 1984. After much renovation and restoration, it was licensed by the State in 2000 as a Residential Care Facility for the Elderly. It is among the premier facilities in the San Gabriel Valley. Lisa's goal is to give older adults the ability to age with dignity in a setting that provides both beauty and comfort. Her tireless efforts in the community, especially on behalf of senior citizens earned her the prestigious "Heart in Hand Humanitarian Award" bestowed by the Foothill Unity Center. In 2009, she was awarded Small Business Woman of the Year for Los Angeles County, and honored with the 32nd Congressional District's Annual Women of Distinction Award for outstanding service within the district in 2010.

In addition, Lisa has repeatedly served as the event chair for the Duarte City Relay for Life fundraiser for the American Cancer Society, and spearheaded the organization of the annual Duarte Route 66 parade for two years. Currently, she is also the Economic Development Commissioner for Duarte. Lisa's passion for volunteerism and expertise as a business woman has encouraged other local business leaders and organizations to join her efforts thereby expanding Duarte Unified's committed community partnerships.

Lisa is also the devoted wife of husband, Larry Marino, and loving mother to her son, Joey Naylor, who is the pride and joy of her life. Duarte Unified is extremely grateful for the invaluable contributions and ongoing commitment Lisa has made to our district and community.

# Duarte Chronicles Presentation March 28

Featuring Duarte's secret places, tragic events, illustrious history and memorable people, Duarte Chronicles by local authors Claudia and Alan Heller will be the subject of a power point program on March 28 at noon at the Duarte Library, 1301 Buena Vista Avenue, Duarte. Admission is free.

Have you been to Lake Duarte or heard about the fatal plane crash on the hillside behind our town? Do you know where the historic homes lie within our borders? Duarte Chronicles is a compilation of a number of Claudia's columns which have appeared in the Pasadena Star News over the past twenty years. You will recognize many of the names, faces and events, if you are or were a Duartean. Still, some of Duarte's past people and events are nearly forgotten. The book memorializes these and more local historical moments and personalities.

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The phone number is (626) 357-3513.

### HOT LUNCHES

The Duarte Senior Center serves hot lunches Monday through Friday to individuals over age 60 or the spouse of someone over age 60. You must call 24 hours in advance to reserve space for lunch. Reservations are requested by calling (626) 357-3513. The suggested donation is \$2.

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Eligible seniors can receive a hot lunch and cold dinner plate delivered each weekday, or seven frozen meals delivered once a week by YWCA Intervale Senior Services. For more information, please contact the Senior Center at (626) 357-3513 or YMCA Intervale at (626) 214-9465.

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### TRAIL TREKKERS HIKING GROUP

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The Senior Center offers a variety of classes for adults 55 years and older. Classes offered this winter include:

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### ADULT EXCURSIONS

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**Senior Center**

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p.m., \$40 (Lunch on your own)  
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**Rose Story Farm**

Thursday, May 7, 8:30 a.m.-5:15 p.m., \$45 (Picnic lunch included)

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Following the tour we will enjoy lunch on the farm with a selection of sandwiches, homemade potato chips, Caesar salad and homemade lemon cake. There will be time to shop at their quaint gift shop.

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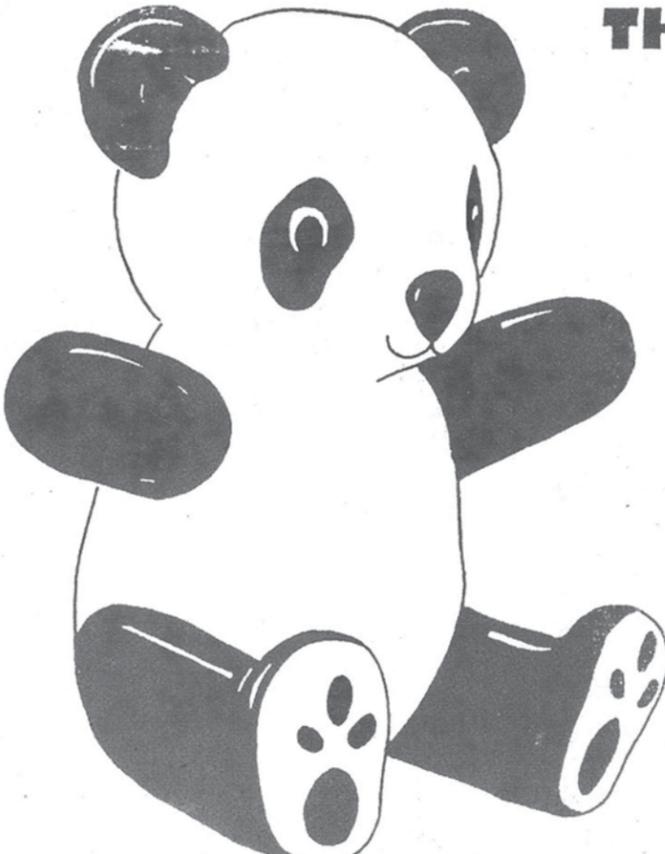
Highlights: Edsel and Eleanor Ford House, Greenfield Village & Henry Ford Museum, Grand Hotel, Millennium Park

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Fee: \$2,499 per person based on double occupancy

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## Jan Brillhart

Sidelined by health issues, Janet Brillhart was mostly homebound for the last year of her life, but though her health declined, her spirits soared. With family and friends around her, she continued to enjoy what brought her joy.

Recently in her usual amused and animated tone, Jan talked with me about the highlights of her life. A favorite was winning a Harlequin Book Romance writing contest. She submitted an article about her first date with Bob Brillhart. Not surprisingly, she explained how she took charge of the date from the beginning: made the reservations, drove them to the restaurant, lit his cigarettes and paid the bill. The dinner was at the Corn Husker's Restaurant near Azusa. This must have impressed the judges, for she won the "most romantic date" prize which was a Harlequin doll that holds a prominent place in her home. Her actions on that date must have impressed Bob too because the couple were married for 62 years!

Jan's busy life in Duarte revolved around the Duarte Woman's Club. She was a member for 41 years and during that time she served as president three times, was named Woman of the Year in 1982 and was made a lifetime member.

Jan was born on August 1, 1934 in Boston Massachusetts to Nepolian and Irene Gamboa. She graduated from the High School of Practical Arts with a major in dress making and sewing. She and Bob married in 1953 and after several moves brought them to Duarte they started their own home repair and remodeling business, retiring in 1988. Bob and Jan raised three boys, David, Brian and William and have enjoyed many grandchildren and great grandchildren.

Jan passed away on February 12 from complications of the flu. Her absence leaves a gaping hole in the family but happy memories will persevere.



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# A rap leads to 15 years of service

By Jan Wight, Former Duarte Chamber President/CEO

Anyone acquainted with the Duarte Chamber of Commerce office knows when an employee is alone and nature calls you lock the office door and head on down the hallway to the restroom.

With that information think back to January 2000 and I was alone in the office and nature called, who knows I may have even been taking two additional

minutes for a time out. Whatever, I heard someone rapping on the office door, they rapped harder, and I yelled "I will be right there." Apparently, not able to hear through all the rapping this person was beating the door down.

When I got to the office door the "rapper" was there and so happy to see someone who looked like they belonged to the Duarte Chamber. This young woman told me she had heard we had

an opening. Wow! I just knew I had an opening three hours before this. Talk about jumping on news. And, that is how Diana Burckhard came to work for the Duarte Chamber 15 years ago.

Yes, we went through the usual interview process, but when I first saw her I had a good feeling she was the one. And that she has been. She is the one who has grown the Chamber membership and made the Duarte View profitable. Her happy attitude towards everyone makes her a great Ambassador for the Chamber and the City of Duarte.

No one believes me when I say I had to "kick" her out of the office for her first sales call. She had been with the Chamber for ten work days and I felt she had more than enough knowledge of our members and policy and she needed to get out and start the sales part of her job. I knew she was scared (and a few years later she told me she was) but she went out, and, we laugh, she never came back. She loves the sales part of her job as she loves meeting new people, advising new business owners and touting the Chamber and the City. She shows a pride in both agencies because she feels the pride in the community she has help build.

When Diana came to work for the Duarte Chamber her two children were in Valley View and Northview. Michael and Tessa are now college graduates and successful young people. She is a great mother to both and a great volunteer for



DIANA BURCKHARD, Duarte Chamber of Commerce Membership and Marketing Director, is celebrating 15 years of service to Duarte Chamber members and the Duarte community at large. Her new name badge is shown as an inset in the above photo.

the schools her children attended. She and Mike, her husband, participated in football, girl's volleyball, softball, and got excited for the proms, dances and made it through all the boyfriends and girlfriends. Graduations have brought happy tears and great smiles of pride from both parents.

I have told Diana I believe she is one of the best mother's I have known. She is loving, but knows how to discipline when necessary. I only remember one

disciplinary problem for each child and I admired how Diana took care of each situation.

She did this parenting and volunteering without missing a beat as the Chamber's Director of Membership and Sales. She is one of those people who can juggle many things in the air at one time and do a great job, and the more she has to juggle the better work she does.

Hiring Diana is one of the best things I did for the Duarte Chamber. When I now go to Chamber events and have to introduce myself I simply say, "I hired Diana," and the applause begins. It is my pleasure to see Diana continue as a trusted and admired employee by the members of the Duarte Chamber.





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# Remembering Stan Chambers and Raul Rodriguez

By Claudia Heller

Our town mourns the recent deaths of two honorary Duartean, both of whom served as Grand Marshals in a local Salute to Route 66 parade.

Long-time KTLA newsman **Stan Chambers** was charming and humble as he led the 1997 parade in a 1955 Packard Convertible. At that time he was celebrating his 50th year on the air. When his career began, news was reported from a studio, with no means to move equipment off site. Chambers' first big story was the rescue efforts in the Kathy Fiscus case in Pasadena where, for the first time, cameras were transported to a breaking news site and a revolution in the delivery of news began.

Over his amazing career, Chambers covered the Bobby Kennedy assassination, the visit of Pope John Paul II, the 1984 Olympics, the Watts riots, the Rodney King Riots the Bel Air fire, the Baldwin Hills dam disaster and thousands more events. It is said that in his later years, Channel 5 offered him a plush office and an easier job, but true to his nature, Chambers preferred to report from the field and cover news where it happened.

Chambers died on February 13 at the age of 91. He is survived by his wife, Gigi, 11 children, 38 grandchildren and eight great grandchildren.

Rose float designer **Raul Rodriguez** accompanied by a large bird perched on his shoulder served as Grand Marshal in Duarte's 1999 parade.



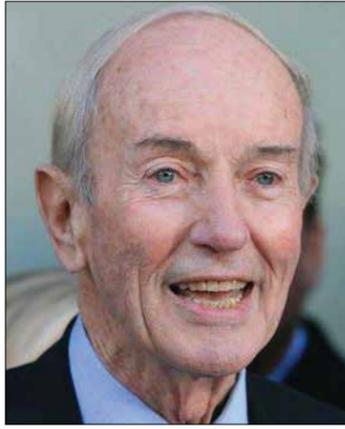
His career as a champion float designer began at the age of 15 when he designed his first Rose Parade float. Since that time he designed over 500 more.

Raul formed a design firm where he designed the iconic pink neon façade of the Flamingo Hotel in Las Vegas, and the 22-story clown on the front of Reno's Circus Circus hotel and casino. He was artistic and creative in many ways and was known to his friends as a dreamer.

Raul's designs were not only a result of a natural artistic talent, but were created after months of research and exemplified by a "stunning level of detail."

He died on February 18 of cardiac arrest at the age of 71. He is survived

by his spouse, Robert Cash, and his sisters Irene Rodriguez Morgan and Teresa Arzola.



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## Olympics

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nership with the cities of Azusa and Glendora and Azusa Pacific University (APU), will open their doors as a Host Town for the Special Olympics World Games Los Angeles from July 21-24, 2015.

As Host Towns, the cities will welcome a 2015 Special Olympics World Games delegation consisting of approximately 100 coaches and athletes from South Africa.

Azusa Pacific University will provide housing for the entire delegation of athletes and coaches during the three-day Host Town visit. The City of Duarte will entertain the delegation on July 22, 2015.

The City of Duarte Special Olympics Host Town Steering Committee, a group comprised of City Councilmembers, City Staff, the City of Hope, Duarte Chamber of Chamber and community members, have planned a daylong schedule of activities designed to give the delegation a "Day in the Life of Duarte" experience.

The day will begin at City of Hope with a welcome parade followed by a luncheon featuring a special keynote speaker and an interactive tour of the City of Hope campus.

The delegation will enjoy the remainder of the day at various City facilities including a BBQ at the Duarte Teen Center and a DJ Dance Party at the Duarte Community Center.

Interested individuals can purchase tickets for \$30 from the Duarte Chamber of Commerce at [www.duartechamber.com](http://www.duartechamber.com) or by calling (626) 357-3333. Each ticket includes admission and a variety of food and beverages from local eateries.

## Spring Classes

The Duarte Recreation Department is now offering classes for adults, teens, children and families. Spring recreation classes include Amazing Arts, Ballet, Belly Dancing, Cake Decorating, Computer Training, Critical Reading and Written Expression, DYBO Dance, Folklorico, Golf, Guitar, Hip Hop Dance, Homework Helper, Math Workshop, Mini Picassos, Needle Art, Piano, Polynesian Dance, Salsa, Sewing, Skateboarding, Tai Chi Kung, Tap, Tennis, Tumbling, Vocals and Yoga. Discover, Visa and MasterCard are accepted for purchases over \$25. Classes begin the week of March 30.

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## Duarte Mayor Spearheads Women's Business Expo "Turn Your Passion Into Power"

San Gabriel Valley workforce leaders and Duarte Mayor Tzeitel Paras Caracci have partnered to host a Women's Business Expo "Turn Your Passion into Power" scheduled for April 25 from 9 a.m.-2 p.m. The expo, held at the Duarte Community Center located at 1600 Huntington Dr. is free to all attendees. Co-hosting with the City of Duarte are the Foothill Workforce Investment Board, the Small Business Development Center, the Small Business Administration and the Duarte Chamber of Commerce.

"I am thrilled to partner with the business community on this important event. I know that the information and services offered at the Expo will assist women enhance their current success or pave their entry into the dynamic world of business," said Mayor Paras-Caracci.

Expo participants will have the opportunity to hear firsthand from various female business leaders through a variety of interactive formats including intimate round table and panel discussions exploring such topics as starting, organizing and growing your business. An opportunity draw-

ing offering three, micro business grants totaling \$1,000 will be awarded at the end of the event. Winners must be present. Participants will also have access to over 20 expert exhibitors in the world of business.

The City of Duarte and Burrtec Waste Industries, the Gas Company and Nissan of Duarte are the official sponsors of the event. Space is limited and RSVP's are encouraged through Eventbrite. Click this link to reserve <http://bit.ly/170kOPg> Attendees are encouraged to donate \$5 to the Foothill Unit Center in lieu of an entrance fee in support of the organization's 35th Year Anniversary of serving the needy and hungry of our community. Exhibitor opportunities for the event are also available at a cost of \$25. As part of registration, all exhibitors will receive a display table and chairs, meals and mention in the event program.

Interested parties are encouraged to contact the City of Duarte at 626.357-7931, ext. 267 or via email [jruiz@accessduarte.com](mailto:jruiz@accessduarte.com).



**DUARTE MAYOR TZEITEL PARAS-CARACCI**

## Duarte Relay for Life set for May 16-17 at Duarte High

Cancer never sleeps and neither will participants of the 24-hour long Relay for Life event to be hosted by the City of Duarte and the American Cancer Society on May 16 and May 17 on the campus of Duarte High School, 1565 E. Central Ave., Duarte.

Participants of the Relay for Life will honor cancer survivors and pay tribute to lives lost by the disease while striving to raise \$29,000 to help fight cancer in the community.

Mayor Tzeitel Paras-Caracci will kick off the event, hosting opening ceremonies at 10 a.m. on May 16, while Mayor Pro-Tem Sam Kang will preside over the closing ceremonies at 10 a.m. the next morning.

The 2015 Event Chairs are Hugo Torres, a local realtor, and Robyn Garcia, Activi-

ties and Athletic Director at Duarte High School. Both are expecting a banner year for the event.

Duarte High School and the City of Duarte will be sponsoring multiple youth teams consisting of representatives from Leadership, Key Club, Interact, DART, DHS Athletics and many more. Happy Feet and Leadership clubs will also be gathering donations by selling "Feet" and "Luminaries", which represent people who have been diagnosed, died, or have beaten cancer.

For more information about how to start a team, join a team or volunteer, visit [www.relayforlife.org/duarteca](http://www.relayforlife.org/duarteca), or email Robyn Garcia at [rgarcia@duarteusd.org](mailto:rgarcia@duarteusd.org) or Lauren Worsley at [lauren.worsley@cancer.org](mailto:lauren.worsley@cancer.org).

## Local Birdwalk

By Claudia Heller

A birdwalk sponsored by the Duarte Historical Society and Museum was held on February 28 and the birders were thrilled to spot more than 35 species in the Encanto Park and adjacent river areas.

Led by Ornithologist Kimball Garrett, the group walked along the bioswale and spotted a flock of Band-tailed Pigeons and a Eurasian Collared-Dove. Annas and Allens hummingbirds made an appearance throughout the park, and two Western Bluebirds posed on the grassy area near

the soccer field. Black phoebes seemed to join the walk, flipping their tales while seemingly watching the group.

Garrett is Collections Manager at the Natural History Museum of Los Angeles County, and he generally leads bird walks in the fall and spring. Lack of water in the river disappointed the birders who have in the past enjoyed the herons and egrets and other shorebirds that would frequent the area. Lack of water has also discouraged the swallows, night hawks and osprey.

Details of the fall walk will appear on the website of the Duarte Historical Society and Museum at [RanchoDeDuarte.org](http://RanchoDeDuarte.org).



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## Advocating for our future Shoulder Tapped Graduates

Dr. Terry Nichols, Superintendent,  
Duarte Unified School District

Duarte Unified is known as the home of the Shoulder Tapped Graduates because we deliver a first-class education focused on creating students who are well prepared for the 21st Century workforce, passionate about their interests and actively recruited by outside organizations and post-secondary institutions. I am proud that our graduates are competent communicators, critical and creative thinkers who will know how to collaborate with others here in the United States and abroad.



DR. TERRY NICHOLS

Due to the vision of our Board and dedication of our staff, during my time as Superintendent, DUSD has set about to strategically implement new initiatives and solidify established programs to provide a firm foundation upon which our Shoulder Tapped Graduates can thrive. When a child exhibits a passion they wish to pursue, we seek a way to make this a part of the educational experience offered by Duarte Unified. Programs that were implemented as the direct result of a child's interest include the Music Matters Campaign, Early College program with Citrus College, SEPAC Grant with City of Hope and The TEACH Project with both City of Hope and Citrus College.

This is also true of our efforts to bring the International Baccalaureate (IB) program to our district. The IB organization embraces the idea that student learning occurs best when it is authentic, relevant to the real world and trans-disciplinary. In October 2012, Maxwell Elementary began the three year authorization process and has since been recognized as a candidate school for the Primary Years Program. As part of the final phase of this journey, the IB Verification Team visited Maxwell on February 24, 2015 to see the program in action.

Now, we wait to receive the final word that Maxwell Elementary is an official IB World School. I won't begin to fully celebrate until this happens, yet I am simply elated by the dramatic transformation that has taken place in terms of teaching and learning at this school, and I applaud the entire Maxwell learning community - staff, parents and students - who are all ably led by Principal Dr. Kelly Buckley, for this labor of love.

We encourage our entire community to visit Maxwell to see our students engaged in structured inquiry that promotes meaning and understanding, and challenges students to engage with significant ideas. Inquiry is a powerful vehicle of learning that allows students to think critically, communicate, collaborate and be creative. All essential components for a Shoulder Tapped Graduate.

As part of the IB program, students at Maxwell also receive second language instruction in Mandarin weekly and are engaged in continuous research to explore local, global and national concepts and ideas. Additionally, they receive weekly choral music in K-5th grade, instrumental music in 6th grade and technology instruction to learn coding, word processing, PowerPoint, Prezi and much more. Despite our eager anticipation for final confirmation from the IB Verification Team, Maxwell Elementary is already succeeding as a breeding ground for our future Shoulder Tapped Graduates.

Another development that originated based on the interest of a child is a partnership DUSD has entered into with Delafield Corporation and Mt. San Antonio College to create a work based learning program that is designed to prepare and train Duarte High School students for careers in welding. This career pathway will include an introduction to welding and preparation for college at Duarte High School; then work-based training after school and during the summers at Delafield. After graduation, students from Duarte High School will then transfer to Mt. SAC and enter their welding program working to earn their welding certification, and ultimately be recruited by Delafield for employment. This extensive training will prepare Duarte High School students for immediate employment in a high demand and high wage career.

We are excited to begin this venture that is currently in the planning stages to expand the career tech education (CTE) opportunities for the many students in our district interested in pursuing these pathways. However, in light of recent developments, it is concerning that many of our current CTE programs that are funded by ROP may be in grave jeopardy because of the Los Angeles County Office of Education's pending decision to repurpose these dollars for their own use.

It is shocking that at a time when we are striving to meet the national call to action to ensure our graduates are college and career ready, that we are being forced to defend our valuable CTE programs which provide essential curricula and hands-on lessons needed to prepare for 21st century careers. These include opportunities in Hospitality, Building Trades & Construction, Health Science & Medical Technology, Engineering & Design, and Arts, Media & Entertainment.

Duarte Unified has taken the lead to advocate for an amenable resolution to this issue on behalf of 23 other districts within L.A. County that provide crucial district-run CTE programs for over 38,000 students. If LACOE's plan to stop the flow of ROP funds is gone unchecked, irrevocable damage to our CTE programs will result beginning as soon as the 2015-2016 school year. I encourage you to call, write and email L.A. County Supervisor, Michael Antonovich concerning this issue. With your show of support, our consortium can find a resolution to this urgent matter and ensure our students' interests are given first priority.

I am adamantly committed to this effort because our students deserve every opportunity to explore their passions, their curiosity and their dreams. This is what Duarte Unified is built on, and I will continue to advocate for the needs of our current and future Shoulder Tapped Graduates.

## All DHS winter sports teams advance to CIF for first time in school's history

The Duarte High School 2014-2015 Winter sports season came to an historic close.

Not only did all the teams place in the top three in the Montview League including two Championship titles, but for the first time in the history of Duarte High School, all 5 winter sports teams earned a spot in the California Interscholastic Federation (CIF) playoffs where they vied to become the state champions.

Girls varsity soccer placed 2nd in the Montview League and finished off the season in the 2nd round of CIF.

Boys varsity soccer finished 3rd in the Montview League and closed out the season in the 2nd round of CIF.

The boys basketball finished 2nd in the Montview League and ended the season in the 1st round of CIF.

While the girls basketball team became the undefeated Montview League Champions, and finished off the season in the 2nd round of CIF.

The DHS Wrestling Team also went undefeated and earned the Montview league Championship title with 10 members earning a position into CIF. Star senior wrestler, Angel Villeneuve, will be competing in the masters round.

Congratulations to all the DHS athletes on these teams and their coaches; and thank you to all of the Falcon families and fans for supporting them during their very successful season. Go Falcons!



## The Hour of Code

The Creativity & Innovation (C&I) Team is a group of dedicated Duarte Unified educators committed to inspire, innovate, implement and impact creativity and innovation in the lives of teachers and students in the classroom and beyond. The goal of the Creativity & Innovation Team is to develop strategies, cultivate new ideas and implement cutting-edge practices that will be shared with DUSD faculty to strengthen teaching and learning.

This year, inspired by a science conference attended by several C&I members, the team elected to facilitate the district's participation in a global initiative called The Hour of Code, launched to introduce and encourage students to learn about computer programming.

Kids are constantly us-

ing technology today, but how many are learning to build it? Every 21st Century student should have the opportunity to learn computer science. Once students see what they create right before their eyes, they're empowered to keep learning. The coding basics help nurture creativity and problem-solving skills, and prepare students for any future career.

Duarte Unified students in kindergarten through 12th grade across the district participated in an one-hour coding activity during the school day during the week of December 8-14, 2014 along with millions of other children from around the world. Many of our teachers and students found this experience so valuable, that they have continued to explore coding in their classrooms on a reg-

ular basis. In addition to DUSD educators, supporters of this movement include well-known personalities such as Bill Gates, Mark Zuckerberg and President Obama.

Code may become our universal language and it is important for all of us to explore the possibilities. For more information, visit [code.org](http://code.org) and let us know, "how many lines of code have you written today?" To learn about other events and activities facilitated by the Creativity & Innovation Team, please visit the Duarte Unified website at <http://duarteunified.schoolwires.net/Page/2713>.



# DUSD debuts All-District Music Showcases

This spring, Duarte Unified will proudly trumpet the talents of our student musicians by highlighting both our new and established choral and instrumental programs. For the first-time ever, DUSD will host both an All-District Band Showcase and an All-District Choral Showcase. These events will bring together over 600 students and include choral and band participants from every school.

The DUSD Band Showcase will take place at the Duarte High School Gymnasium on March 24 beginning at 7 p.m. The Duarte High School Marching and Concert Bands, Northview Cardinal and Beginning Bands and NEW Elementary Bands from every school will all be featured.

Launched district-wide this year, the Elementary Band program offers all 6th grade students at every elementary school the opportunity to learn an instrument. On the day of the Band Showcase, all of the band students will enjoy spending an entire morning together at Duarte High School for a chance to bond with their fellow musicians and rehearse for the evening's performance. The festivities will culminate in a joint concert for our com-

munity that offers every student who participates in a band program within the district the opportunity to exhibit their talents while performing together.

Duarte Unified's choral students will take center stage at the DUSD Choral Showcase on March 31 at the Performing Arts Center beginning at 7 p.m. In addition to performances by the Duarte High School choirs, this special event will also include the NEW DUSD Elementary Honor Choir. This ensemble is comprised of 100 fourth-sixth grade students from across the district that include 20 students from each of the five elementary schools. The DUSD Elementary Honor Choir will sing during the Choral Showcase to highlight the district's new elementary vocal music program.

In addition to these landmark events, the secondary-level choirs and bands have additional performances planned for the community and a rigorous competition schedule this spring. Sustaining their level of excellence requires hard work, perseverance and an unyielding commitment by our musicians and their dedicated families.

Here are the upcoming event details:

## Northview Intermediate School Cardinal Band Competition Schedule:

The Cardinal Band will perform in the Southern California School Band and Orchestra Association competitions held on March 21 at Garey High School in Pomona and on March 25 at the City of Industry Civic Center.



These are the first competitions the Cardinal Band has entered since being led by Band Director, John Aranda, and we wish them the best

of luck. For more information, visit the Northview Website at [www.northviewIntermediate.org](http://www.northviewIntermediate.org) or contact Band Director, John Aranda by email to [jaranda@duarteusd.org](mailto:jaranda@duarteusd.org).



## Duarte High School Color Guard, Drumline, Jazz Band, Concert Band/Wind Ensemble Competition Schedule:

The Duarte High School Color Guard will compete on March 7 at Azusa High School, March 21 at Valencia High School, April 4 at South El Monte High School, April 18 at Bellflower High School and on April 25 for Championships.

The Duarte High School Drum Line already took first place at the American Drum Line Association Competition held on February 21. Additional competition dates include March 14, 2015 at Marina High School, March 28 at Colony High School and Championships to be held April 11.

The Duarte High School Jazz Band will participate in Jazz Day at Pasadena City College on March 7, 2015 and at the Jazz Festival on May 5.

The Duarte High School Concert Band & Wind Ensemble will perform at the Cal State University, Fullerton Festival on March 6 and at the Baldwin Park Unified School District Festival on March 3.

The Duarte High School Band will also present Winterfest on March 27. The 4th Annual Name that Tune Event will take place on April 1. Both events will take place at Duarte High School. For further information, visit the DHS Band & Color Guard Website at [www.duartefalconsbandandcolorguard.com](http://www.duartefalconsbandandcolorguard.com) or contact Band Director, Rich Torres by email to [rtorres@duarteusd.org](mailto:rtorres@duarteusd.org).



## Duarte High School Choral Performance & Competition Schedule:

The Duarte High School Show Choir led by Choral Director, Claire Hsu, will perform on the following dates:

March 6: "Star Reflections" Cypress High School, Show Choir Competition

March 14: "Burbank Blast" Burbank High School, Show Choir Competition

March 20: "Xtravaganza" Los Alamitos High School, Show Choir Competition

May 1: Los Angeles Master Chorale High School Choir Festival at Walt Disney Concert Hall

May 16: A Capella Scholarship Festival at Glendale High School

May 20: Pop Show at Duarte Performing Arts Center



For more information, visit the Duarte High School website at [www.dhsfalcons.org](http://www.dhsfalcons.org) or contact Choir Director, Claire Hsu by email to [chsu@duarteusd.org](mailto:chsu@duarteusd.org).

To learn more about our new elementary music programs, please contact Choral Director, Lindsie Hardy at [lhardy@duarteusd.org](mailto:lhardy@duarteusd.org) and Band Director, John Aranda at [jaranda@duarteusd.org](mailto:jaranda@duarteusd.org).



## Andres Duarte student wins L.A. County Book Mark Contest 2 years in a row!

Congratulations to Emanuel Dominguez for winning the 35th Annual Los Angeles County Public Library Bookmark Contest. Emanuel attends Andres Duarte Elementary School and is in Mrs. Cindy Mitchell's 4th grade class. Emanuel entered the Bookmark Contest through the Duarte County Library, and his winning entry illustrated this year's theme of "Dream in Color! ¡Sueña en Color!" This is the second year in a row Emanuel has been honored with this prestigious award.

On February 24, Emanuel was honored for this achievement at the Hall of Administration during a special meeting of the Board of Supervisors of the County of Los Angeles. Also present were Emanuel's family and Andres Duarte Elementary Principal, Mr. Carlos Moran. Supervisor Michael D. Antonovich presented Emanuel with a special certificate to honor his work, and shared with the audience that "Emanuel's favorite activities include reading history books and playing the piano. He has read all of the Diary of



**EMANUEL DOMINGUEZ at L.A. County Public Library Bookmark Contest Awards Ceremony.**

a Wimpy Kid books!" Emanuel also received a bag of goodies that includes several books, markers, pastels and several packets of his winning bookmark printed in color. Congratulations again to Emanuel Dominguez for winning the Los Angeles County Public Library Bookmark Contest.

## Duarte High School advances to SkillsUSA State Competition

The 2015 Duarte High School Broadcast News Team and Entrepreneurship Team have both qualified to compete at the SkillsUSA state-level championships that will be held in San Diego, California on April 9-12, 2015. SkillsUSA is a national organization serving high school and college students who are preparing for careers in technical, skilled and service occupations. Duarte Unified students have access to their programs which include local, state and national competitions where students demonstrate occupational and leadership skills. At the annual national-level SkillsUSA Championships, nearly 6,000 students compete in 99 occupational and leadership skill areas.

In 2013, the Broadcast News Team won a gold medal at the state-level that qualified them for entry into the nationals in Kansas City, Missouri. This year's team has the benefit of experience and are eager to return to the competition. Taught by Mr. Levon Yotnakhparian, they have earned their third trip to the SkillsUSA state-level finals. To lock in their return to the state competition, team members Daniel Ranjel, Leonard Ramirez, Yanelly Serrano and Bree Graves did an outstanding job representing Duarte with high marks in the SkillsUSA regionals that took place on January 24, 2015. These students were evaluated on their ability to produce and complete a three-minute newscast as if it were live. The team is determined to compete hard at the state-level in order to qualify again for the SkillsUSA national championships.

Duarte High School's Entrepreneurship Team will also be advancing to the state-level after taking a silver medal at the regional competition. Winning team members Kaitlin Antunez, Danyelle Caguin, Carolina Molina, and Alex Valencia are also part of Duarte's famous "Lemonade Brigade." The Lemonade Brigade is an enterprise owned and operated by Duarte students who have taken the idea of an old fashioned lemonade stand to new heights. In fact, their product has been proclaimed the official drink of the City of Duarte. These young entrepreneurs were mentored in their efforts to launch their own business by another successful local entrepreneur, Robin Salzer of Robin's Wood Fire BBQ and Grill. Proceeds from the business are applied towards scholarships for the seniors and college field trips, sending home the message that through volunteerism and hard work they can begin to invest in a successful future together. Both the Entrepreneurship class and Lemonade Brigade are run by CTE teacher, Amy Bustos, who did



an outstanding job in preparing her students for the competition. This is the first year the students participated in this category in SkillsUSA, and they represented very well at regionals resulting in their advancement to compete at the state-level.

## Enroll now in DUSD for the 2015-2016 School Year

Duarte Unified delivers a first-class education that is engaging and adapted to the passions of our students. Our talented staff, caring families and supportive community work collaboratively to provide the skills, knowledge, and learning experiences needed for children to achieve in the 21st Century. As soon as our students earn their high school diplomas, they are prepared to work, lead, and make positive contributions to our global community. With this foundation provided by DUSD, our graduates are able to flourish in an exceedingly competitive world, and are actively recruited by universities and employers offering immediate career opportunities. This is why DUSD is known as the proud home of the Shoulder Tapped Graduates.

### Come join the DUSD family and enroll now for the 2015-2016 school year!

Every Duarte Unified school offers quality programs and services.

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- Secondary and Elementary Choral and Instrumental Music
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- Preschool Programs
- Full Day Kindergarten and small class sizes TK-12

*If you have a child entering grades KG-6th, we also encourage you to inquire about the International Baccalaureate Primary Years Programme offered at candidate school, Maxwell Elementary.*

### DUSD State Preschool Registration

Enrollment for returning students for State Preschool begins **May 4, 2015**. New student enrollment will begin **May 25, 2015**. Please note, the State Preschool Program is for low income families who qualify based on State income guidelines. **Children may enroll who are age 4 or have turned 3 before September 1, 2012**. Applications are available now and can be picked up from the Child Development Office located at Andres Duarte Elementary School, 1433 Crestfield Drive, Duarte CA 91010, Monday-Friday between 7:00 a.m. and 4:00 p.m. Please visit the DUSD Child Development Center Website for more information at <http://duarteunified.schoolwires.net/Page/158> or contact Sofia Valdez by phone at (626) 599-5123/(626) 599-5139 or by email [svaldez@duarteusd.org](mailto:svaldez@duarteusd.org).

### Transitional Kindergarten and Kindergarten Registration

Registration for students entering Transitional Kindergarten (TK), Kindergarten or any grade within the district for the first time opens **March 2, 2015**. Full day Kindergarten is offered at every elementary school and TK classes will be available for all

interested students within the district. Requirements for registration include:

- Birth Certificate indicating 5th birthday prior to September 1, 2015 for KINDERGARTEN
- Birth Certificate Indicating 5th birthday between September 2, and December 2, 2015 for TRANSITIONAL KINDERGARTEN
- Up to date Vaccinations
- Proof of Residence from 2 sources such as utility bill, rent receipt, escrow paperwork or bank statements.

**\*Registration packets are available now at each elementary school and at the district office.**

Whether you are joining Duarte Unified for the first time or are a current family transitioning to the middle or high schools, we encourage you to get to know your neighborhood school by contacting the site directly for a tour and enrollment information. Our principals are eager to share their school's goals and strengths with you.

In addition to scheduling an appointment, we invite current and prospective parents to join us on the following dates listed by school site:

### CHILD DEVELOPMENT CENTER

**April 30, 2015 (6:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m.)**

1433 Crestfield Drive, Duarte CA 91010

Director, Kaye Ekstrand  
Phone: (626) 626 599 5123  
Email: [svaldez@duarteusd.org](mailto:svaldez@duarteusd.org)  
<http://duarteunified.schoolwires.net/Page/158>

**ANDRES DUARTE ELEMENTARY SCHOOL**  
**April 17, 2015 (8:30 a.m. to 9:30 a.m.)**

1433 Crestfield Drive, Duarte CA 91010

Principal, Carlos Moran  
Phone: (626) 599-5101 Email: [cmoran@duarteusd.org](mailto:cmoran@duarteusd.org)  
[www.AndresDuarteElementary.org](http://www.AndresDuarteElementary.org)

**BEARDSLEE ELEMENTARY SCHOOL**  
**March 6, 2015 (8:30 a.m. to 9:30a.m.) & April 24, 2015 (8:30 a.m. to 9:30 a.m.)**

1212 Kellwil Way, Duarte CA 91010

Principal, Jennifer Romero  
Phone: (626) 599-5202 Email: [ltapia@duarteusd.org](mailto:ltapia@duarteusd.org)  
[www.BeardsleeElementary.org](http://www.BeardsleeElementary.org)

**MAXWELL ELEMENTARY SCHOOL**  
**By Appointment Monday-Friday**

733 Euclid Avenue, Duarte CA 91010

Principal, Kelly Buckley  
Phone: (626) 599-5301 Email: [kbuckley@duarteusd.org](mailto:kbuckley@duarteusd.org)  
[www.MaxwellElementary.org](http://www.MaxwellElementary.org)

**ROYAL OAKS ELEMENTARY SCHOOL**  
**March 4, 2015 (8:30 a.m. to 9:30 a.m.)**

2499 Royal Oaks Drive, Duarte CA 91010

Principal, Janice Kolodinski  
Phone: (626) 599-5401 Email: [jkolodinski@duarteusd.org](mailto:jkolodinski@duarteusd.org)  
[www.RoyalOaksElementary.org](http://www.RoyalOaksElementary.org)

**VALLEY VIEW ELEMENTARY SCHOOL**  
**Tours Offered Every Friday in March (10:30 a.m. to 11:30 a.m.)**

237 Melcanyon Road, Duarte CA 91010

Principal, Angelina Salas  
Phone: (626) 599-5501 Email: [asalas@duarteusd.org](mailto:asalas@duarteusd.org)  
[www.ValleyViewElementarySchool.org](http://www.ValleyViewElementarySchool.org)

**NORTHVIEW INTERMEDIATE SCHOOL**  
**Tours Offered Monday-Friday (8:30 a.m.)**

1401 Highland Avenue, Duarte CA 91010

Principal, Rick Crosby  
Phone: (626) 599-5601 Email: [rcrosby@duarteusd.org](mailto:rcrosby@duarteusd.org)  
[www.NorthviewIntermediate.org](http://www.NorthviewIntermediate.org)

**M.I.T. HIGH SCHOOL**  
**By Appointment Monday-Friday**

1400 Mount Olive Drive, Duarte CA 91010

Principal, Luis Haro  
Phone: (626) 599-5901 Email: [lhara@duarteusd.org](mailto:lhara@duarteusd.org)  
[www.MountOliveInnovation.org](http://www.MountOliveInnovation.org)

**DUARTE HIGH SCHOOL**  
**March 11, 2015 (6:30 p.m.)**

1565 East Central Avenue, Duarte CA 91010

Principal, Mark Sims  
Phone: (626) 599-5701 Email: [msims@duarteusd.org](mailto:msims@duarteusd.org)  
[www.DHSFalcons.org](http://www.DHSFalcons.org)

For additional opportunities to preview our schools, please save the dates listed below to visit our Open House Nights.

**2015 OPEN HOUSE DATES**

Child Development Center, May 13 and May 27

Andres Duarte Elementary, May 27

Beardslee Elementary, May 27

Maxwell Elementary, May 13

Royal Oaks Elementary, May 13

Valley View Elementary, May 27

Northview Intermediate School, March 25

Mount Olive Innovation & Technology High School, April 1

Duarte High School, April 22

If you need assistance locating your school of attendance or need help scheduling a tour of any of the schools in Duarte Unified, please contact Jenny Owen by calling (626) 599-5019 or email [jowen@duarteusd.org](mailto:jowen@duarteusd.org). For more information about our district, visit the DUSD website at [www.duarteusd.org](http://www.duarteusd.org).

The Duarte Teen Center is located at 1400 Buena Vista Street in Duarte. Hours of operation are Monday through Friday from 3-7 p.m.

All Duarte teens grades 9-12 with school ID are welcome. Participation is free, but Teen Center registration packets must be filled out and returned.

For more information, please call (626) 303-0863.

**SPECIAL EVENTS AND ACTIVITIES**

**Hip Hop Dance Classes**

(2-week intensive sessions at the beginning of each month)

Come learn the latest dance moves, hip hop techniques, meet new friends and showcase your talent! Classes will be held Tuesday and Thursdays from 3:30 to 6:30 p.m.

**Art Exploration Classes**

(3-week intensive sessions on Mondays and Wednesdays in April and June)

Students will learn the fundamentals of painting, sculpture, and much more!

**Poetry to Song Classes**

(Thursdays and Fridays March-May)

Come and learn to create unique poems and song lyrics. Compose original music using garage band music loops and more!

**Cesar Chavez Essay Contest**

Students grades 9-12 can compete in an essay-writing contest on why they are inspired by the life of Cesar Chavez. Prizes will be awarded to the 1st, 2nd and 3rd place. Entry Deadline is Thursday, March 24, at 7 p.m.

**Youth Employment Workshop**

Youth between the ages 15-18 will participate in an employment workshop on Wednesday, April 1, 3:30-5 p.m. The workshop will include tips on finding a job, gaining employment experience, resume writing, filling out job applications, interview tips, and how to be successful once you land a job. There will also be local employers on site to speak with the participants about employment opportunities. Please register in advance at the Teen Center. Space is limited. Free!

**Cinco de Mayo Celebration**

Celebrate Cinco de Mayo at the Teen Center on Tuesday, May 5, at 3:30 p.m. There will be traditional Mexican food for all to

**Duarte Teen Center**



enjoy for \$1 per person.

**Summer Kick Off BBQ/ Graduation Party!**

On Tuesday, June 2, at 3:30 p.m. the Teen Center will have a Summer Kick Off BBQ/Graduation Party. Enjoy cheeseburgers, chips, fresh fruit, and a beverage for only \$1. Graduates eat free!

**REGULAR ACTIVITIES**

**Boys Night Out** – This program is for teen boys grades 9-12. Come join this club just for guys! Fun trips, group discussions, sports and much more! The group meets Wednesdays from 4-5 p.m. March 25, April 15 & 29 and May 13 & 27.

**Drama Club** – The drama club meets once a week. Club members will participate in poetry

jams, oratory, skits, and improvisation. Class meets Fridays from 3:30-5 p.m. Membership fee is \$5 every 6 months

**Nutrition / Cooking Class**

– Learn to make quick and easy nutritious meals, while having fun with friends! Class meets once a week. Wednesday at 3:30-5 p.m. Fee is \$2 per class.

**Girls Night Out**

– This free program is for teen girls grades 9-12. Discuss various topics ranging from peer pressure, goals, self esteem, relationships and much more. The group will meet Tuesdays: March 6th & 20th, April 3 & 17, and May 1st & 15th from 3:30-5 p.m.

**Work it Out!** – Come join Teen Center staff for “Work it Out” a fitness program for teens! Video workouts, walking excursions, circuit training, and nutrition tips! Come get fit with friends! Class is held Thursdays from 4-5 p.m.

**TEEN EXCURSION**

**Six Flags Magic Mountain Excursion**

On Thursday, April 9, the Du-

arte Teen Center will be heading to the mountain for Spring Break fun at Six Flags! Trip leaves the Teen Center at 8:30 a.m. and returns to the Teen Center at 7:30 p.m. The fee is \$34. Meals on your own.

**YOUTH BOXING PROGRAM**

Join the fun and excitement with Duarte Boxing Program at the Duarte Teen Center! Boys and girls ages 8-18 years old are welcome! You’ll learn all of the fundamentals of boxing and get in incredible shape! Make new friends, feel more confident about yourself and have lots of fun!

You will gain flexibility, stamina, and coordination as well as make new friends. Our knowledgeable trainers provide a safe and stimulating learning environment for all levels of youth. You can train for fun and physical activity or for a chance to compete against other youth in the United States and at our annual Boxing Show. The Duarte Teen Center Gym is open Monday through Thursday from 4 p.m. to 8 p.m. and Friday from 4 p.m. to 7 p.m. There is a \$10 monthly fee for each participant. Non-residents are welcome for \$20 per month. Register now at the Duarte Teen Center.

Call 303-0863 for more information or just stop by to see if you are interested.



**Prodigy Basketball Clinics at Northview Intermediate**

Basketball stars and brothers, Cameron and Tracy Murray, are bringing Prodigy Basketball to the City of Duarte after spending 10 years in Glendora. The Murrays used their extensive experience playing for college and NBA teams to found the Prodigy Athletic Institute, a non-profit organization providing academic and athletic development to at-risk children and youth, ages 8- 17 in Los Angeles County and the Inland Empire.

With the goal of developing programs that foster academic excellence, superior athletic performance, character development and leadership, Prodigy instills in young boys and girls the desire and expectation of earning a four year college degree. They accomplish this by helping disadvantaged youth experience life issues through sports activities paired with academics.

Athletics is a time-tested way to steer youth away from negative influences. Prodigy activities include mentoring, individual personal training, basketball leagues, camps and clinics, study hall, tutoring, character building and travel ball programs.

The basketball clinics are held every Sunday from 9 am – 11 am in the Northview Intermediate School gym.

For more information on the Prodigy basketball program, visit their website at [www.prodigyathletic.com](http://www.prodigyathletic.com).

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<b>2ND WEEKEND SAVINGS</b> <b>Children Admitted FREE</b> <small>Valid ages 12 &amp; under. Coupon not required for child tickets. Offer &amp; ticket valid Saturday or Sunday, April 11 or 12, 2015 only. DG</small>	<small>Regular Adult Ticket Price is \$28. Limit one coupon per person. No pets or smoking, please. Children 4 &amp; under always admitted free. Not valid with online ticket sales.</small>

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April 21

May 19

### LADIES BROWN BAG

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March 31 at Staples, Duarte  
April 28 –Foothill Oaks School

Check out the Duarte Chamber website for more information  
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