



THE LONG BEACH
**COLLEGE
PROMISE**

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SETTING THE STANDARD FOR EDUCATION PARTNERSHIPS



CHAMPION AWARD RECIPIENT



CONGRESSMAN ALAN LOWENTHAL

Long Beach College Promise Champion

Congressman Alan Lowenthal is being awarded the inaugural Long Beach College Promise Champion Award for his unwavering support of the Long Beach College Promise and his impressive legislative efforts to increase college completions during his tenure as a State Senator.

While in the California Senate, he championed the Long Beach College Promise Partnership Act in 2011 to help Long Beach Unified students better transition to Long Beach City College. He also authored and passed the Student Success Act of 2012 to increase access and success in California community colleges by providing effective orientation, assessment and placement, counseling, and other education planning services to help more students earn degrees and certificates.

Congressman Lowenthal currently represents California's 47th Congressional District after serving two decades as a Long Beach City Council member and California legislator, where his dedication to common-sense bipartisan solutions earned him a reputation among his colleagues and constituents as one of the most respected and effective legislators in both Long Beach and Sacramento. He is also an emeritus professor of psychology at CSULB.

VOICES OF THE COLLEGE PROMISE

A Panel Discussion Moderated by Congressman Alan Lowenthal

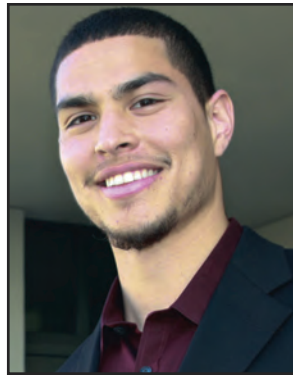
Students and Parents Share Their Stories on
How the College Promise is Making a Difference in Their Lives

PANELISTS:



CLEAVONA JACKSON
Nelson Academy, LBUSD

CLEAVON JACKSON
Father



CHRIS SORIANO
Long Beach City College

SYLVIA SORIANO
Mother



CHRISTOPHER PADILLA-FLORES
Long Beach State

CHRISTIAN PADILLA-FLORES
Long Beach State
Brother



OUTCOMES

TUITION RELIEF

LONG BEACH PROMISE SCHOLARSHIP

Free enrollment from LBCC Foundation for all local high school graduates enrolling in fall semester.



WITH OVER **5,600** STUDENTS BENEFITTING

SINCE 2008

INCREASED ENROLLMENT

43%

43 PERCENT
INCREASE IN
CSULB ENROLLMENT
BY LBUSD GRADUATES

INCREASED PERSISTENCE



LBCC & LBUSD
GRADUATES MORE LIKELY TO
REMAIN ENROLLED AT CSULB
THAN OTHER STUDENTS

INCREASED PREPAREDNESS

Middle school students and their parents have been completing a Long Beach College Promise education plan since spring 2009, pledging to do what it takes to attend college and be successful once the students get there.

To date, some 57,730 of the pledges have been signed.

MAKING NEW PROMISES

Several communities in California are using the Long Beach College Promise as a model for partnerships in their own communities:

- Fresno
- Los Angeles
- San Francisco
- Inland Empire
- Sacramento
- South Bay

Leaders from LBUSD, LBCC and CSULB are continuing their commitment to provide students with greater opportunities to complete their higher education. Today, more high school graduates are enrolling in colleges, and many more of those students are prepared for rigorous college-level classes.



RECOGNITIONS



**2014
JAMES IRVINE
FOUNDATION
LEADERSHIP AWARD**

*Long Beach College Promise
& Promise Pathways
recognized for improving
attainment of early
education milestones
for first-year students.*

The mission of the James Irvine Foundation is to expand opportunity for the people of California to participate in a vibrant, successful and inclusive society.



**2013
LITTLE HOOVER
COMMISSION**

*cites Long Beach
College Promise
as successful model.*

*“Regional partnerships
such as the
Long Beach College Promise
not only get high school
students to think of them-
selves as college-bound,
but to prepare themselves
so they are in a better
position to succeed
once they are there.”*

The Little Hoover Commission is an independent state oversight agency. It's mission is to investigate state government operations and - through reports, recommendations and legislative proposals - promote efficiency, economy and improved service.

Highlighted by President Obama for innovation during National Education Summit at the White House Initiative for Excellence in Education of Hispanics; Achieved the California Community Colleges Chancellor's Office Student Success Award; Recognized by the Business Higher Ed Forum as the new education standard in the forum's study "Improving Through Collaboration."

