

Hot Off The Press

STAFF GUILD HIGHLIGHTS

- **Election 2013** – Congratulations to Mike Eng Staff Guild endorsed LACCD Trustee Candidate for an outstanding victory on March 5th. The Staff Guild re-endorsed David Vela the top vote getter in the primary for the runoff election May 21. We need everyone's support and a call for volunteers to bring David to victory. The Staff Guild Executive Board voted to endorse Wendy Gruel for Los Angeles Mayor. VOTE MAY 21st.
- **Staff Guild Delegates attend CFT 2013 Convention:** Local 1521A sent a delegation of 30 members to the 71st CFT Convention in Sacramento, March 15-17, 2013. Delegates voiced their preference on constitutional amendments, resolutions and policy changes for the state affiliate, attended workshops and heard various speakers on preserving public quality education. CFT officers were re-elected as well as Staff Guild President Velma J. Butler as a CFT Vice President.
- **CFT 2013 Communication Awards:** The Staff Guild received recognition for Best Use of Social Media for our mobile app, second place for Best Four Page Newsletter and first place for *Hot off the Press*. *Great Work Staff Guild!* Congratulations to 1521A members Chauncey and Cyndi Maddren (Valley) for their high school senior Zack who was awarded a CFT Raoul Teilhet Scholarship.
- **Labor in the Schools Special Recognition:** Congratulations to Linda Tubach (UTLA) as the recipient of the Ben Rust Award, the highest honor within the CFT for her commitment to labor in the schools and teaching high school students the importance of collective bargaining. This ongoing program seeks volunteers from local labor unions to teach students to participate in collective bargaining and the role of labor unions.
- **Staff Guild Announces Mobile App:** Please download the 1521A Mobile App. The App will enable real time communication and resources at your finger-tips such as the contract, Know Your Rights booklet, representatives contact information, live-user forums, interactive meetings/events calendar and much more.

You can download the App by scanning this code with your phone's QR Code reader, or searching your App Store for AFT Local 1521A.



If you do not have a QR Code Reader on your smart phone, please open your phone's web browser and go to www.i-nigma.mobi.com and press link to install the free QR Reader.

• **HRA/ADP Mobile Spending Account App:**

You can now access your health reimbursement account on your smart phone. To register your account online: <http://myspendingaccount.adp.com>. Follow the onscreen instructions to complete the registration and download "My Benefits Center" App.

• **Classified Employees with Adjunct Teaching Assignments:**

There has been a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) between the Staff Guild and LACCD regarding classified employees who also have an adjunct assignment. Classified employees who currently or plan to accept an adjunct assignment outside of their regular classified assignment will no longer have to reduce their classified assignment, effective immediately. If this adjunct assignment is during your regular classified assignment, employees with supervisory approval will work jointly to arrange their schedules. For information contact AFT office.

• **Ban "Fracking" in California:** What is Fracking? Fracking, or hydraulic fracturing, is the process of injecting millions of gallons of water, sand and toxic chemicals underground at high pressure in order to release and extract oil or gas. Fracking generates water pollution, air pollution and promotes earthquakes and property damages. At the Board of Trustees' meeting on March 20, 2013, the Trustees passed a resolution in support of a moratorium on hydraulic fracturing (fracking) in the oil fields located adjacent to West Los Angeles College.

• **Proposition 30 Implementation/Classified Role:**

California Federation of Teachers' President Josh Pechthalt has reminded Superintendent of Public Instruction Tom Torlakson that classified employees are essential to student success, growth and operating educational institutions. Their services should not be defined as "administrative costs". Pechthalt has requested that Superintendent Torlakson establish guidelines for implementation of Proposition 30 funds. This position applies to all segments of public education.

• **Congratulations to Staff Guild Retirees:** The AFT Staff Guild would like to congratulate the following employees for their loyal service to the Los Angeles Community College District as of December 1, 2012 through February 28, 2013:

Vikki Grounds	Senior Office Assistant	10	East
James Holley	Instructional Assistant	37	Trade-Tech
Irene Lopez	Student Services Assistant	30	East
Marian Prochter	Student Services Specialist	23	Pierce
Dorothy Rowe	Payroll Technician	26	District
Janell Sanders	Special Services Assistant	25	Harbor
Helen Skums	Payroll Assistant	16	Harbor
Rosemary Taylor	Admissions & Records Assistant	35	Trade-Tech
Amy Tong	Admissions & Records Assistant	24	Mission
Carole Weston	Senior Personnel Assistant	32	Valley
Ana Yamakawa	Cashier	23	Pierce