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Art Levine selected Vice President of the Long Beach Police Foundation Board

Art Levine, professor of ethics and legal studies at the College of Business Administration, California State University, Long Beach (CSULB), and the Host/Executive Producer of Straight Talk Television show, was recently selected by the Board of Directors of the Long Beach Police Foundation (LBPF) to serve as its Vice President, it was announced by LBPF Executive Director, Kathy Berry. Levine fills the opening left by Kathy Berry when she accepted the position of Executive Director.

As Vice President, Dr. Levine will act as parliamentarian for the Board and shall, in the absence of the President or in the event of his or her inability to act, shall perform all the duties of the President. When so acting, the Vice President shall have all the powers of, and be subject to all restrictions on, the President. The Vice President shall have such other powers and perform such other duties as may be prescribe by law, by the Articles of Incorporation, or by the LBPF bylaws, or as may be prescribed by the Board of Directors.

"We are delighted to have Art selected as Vice President and become a member of the LBPF Executive Committee," said John Dixon, LBPF Board Secretary. "He has been a board member for the past 18 months and has been a long-time supporter of many of the LBPF and the Long Beach Police Department programs."

MBA/MFA Graduate Lauren Morris to Lead Long Beach Playhouse

The Long Beach Playhouse Board of Directors recently announced the naming of a new Managing Director, welcoming Long Beach State alum Lauren Morris to head the 81-year old community theatre.

Morris, a freelance theatre artist and actor, has theatre production experience in both Indiana and California, and recently graduated from Cal State Long Beach with a Masters Degree in Fine Arts and Business Administration in Theatre Management. She accepted the position on June 7 and looks to lead the highly-regarded theatre into a new age.

"I am honored to be leading an organization that has been so integral to the arts in Long Beach for 80 years," states Morris. "Our 81st season promises to be full of changes that we hope will galvanize and energize the present and future Long Beach Playhouse community, so be sure to stay in touch through Facebook, Twitter and our web site for updates."

With retirement, CBA Professor Thomas Rhoads ends astonishing record of 54 consecutive years of family service

When the College of Business Administration's Professor Thomas Rhoads retired recently, he ended an astonishing record of 54 conseutive years of family service to the university, 37 of his and 17 for his father, who was also a CBA faculty member.

Rhoads, winner of the university's Distinguished Faculty Advising Award, has served as the faculty advisor to several student organizations throughout his career including the Hispanic Students Business Association, Hermanos Unidos and Sigma Alpha Epsilon fraternity. He pioneered the CBA Minority Business Students program that evolved over the years into the Student Center for Professional Development. The center, currently made up of hundreds of students, provides training, assistance in securing paid internships and extensive experiences to prepare students for the business world.

Dr. Mike Walter named "Most Inspirational Professor"

Dr. Mike Walter, who has served on the Harbor Commission since 2005, has been named one of the "Most Inspirational Professors of California State University, Long Beach" by the Senior Class of 2010. Dr. Walter, who is CSULB's Executive Assistant to the President for Community Relations, also is the Distinguished Professor of

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Economics and Business Administration. Congratulations Dr. Walter.

Long Beach-Based Southern California Olympics To Be Honored By CSULB Leadership Center

The Ukleja Center for Ethical Leadership at Cal State Long Beach (CSULB) announced today that they will present its 2010 John Wooden Ethics in Leadership Award to Special Olympics Southern California (SOSC) which is headquartered in Long Beach.

The award honors the legacy and visionary leadership of Special Olympics founder, Eunice Kennedy Shriver, and the organization's unparalleled success in changing the lives of people with intellectual disabilities.

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