



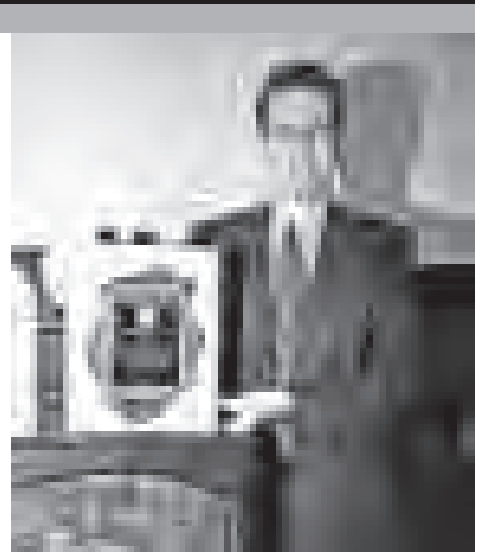
Leadership in Engineering, Landfill Reclamation Program, City of LA, Bureau of Sanitation: Kelly Gharios, Rosilia Rojas, Steve Fortune, Enrique Zaldivar (Assistant Director/ Executive Officer) and Reina Pereira



Project Achievement Awards, Caltrans District 7 Headquarters Building, URS Corporation Efrén Abratique (Consulting Engineers and Land Surveyors of CA) and URS representative.



Media Award, Griffith Observatory Renovation and Expansion Community and Media Relations Team, City of LA Public Affairs Office; Bob Johnson, Orange County Engineering Society; and Tonya Durrell, Public Affairs Office.



Project Achievement Awards, Using Best Management Practices and Environmental Friendly Approaches to Control and Minimize Mercury, City of LA, Bureau of Sanitation: Efrén Abratique (Consulting Engineers and Land Surveyors of CA), Lonnie Ayers (Sanitary Engineer, Sanitation), and Michael Simpson (past LACES President, Assistant Division Manager, Sanitation).

Engineers Awards

■ LA Council of Engineers and Scientists honors City engineers as part of National Engineers Week.

Photos by Pamela Bond, Public Works

PUBLIC WORKS — Representatives from Public Works, Bureaus of Engineering and Sanitation, and the Public Affairs Office received awards Feb. 22 from the Los Angeles Council of Engineers and Scientists (LACES). During an awards event at the Exposition Park Intergenerational Community Center, the honorees were recognized for their exemplary contributions to the field of engineering in the Los Angeles region. LACES award recipients are selected and recognized each year at an awards event to celebrate National Engineers' Week locally. At the event, the council recognizes outstanding engineering programs and individuals across Los Angeles.

Public Works recipients of the honored LACES Awards include the following:

Project Achievement Awards:

- Boyle Heights Youth Technology Center, Bureau of Engineering
- Sewer Management Automated Repair Tracking System, Bureau of Engineering
- Using Best Management Practices and Environment-Friendly Approaches to Control

and Minimize Mercury, Bureau of Sanitation Leadership in Engineering

- Landfill Reclamation Program, Bureau of Sanitation Harry Staubs Award
- City of Los Angeles High School Technical Competitions, Bureau of Engineering

Media Award:

- Griffith Observatory Renovation and Expansion Community and Media Relations Team, Public Affairs Office

New Outstanding Engineer Awards:

- Alina Constantinescu, Bureau of Sanitation
- Dale Williams, Bureau of Engineering
- Jensen Wu, Bureau of Engineering

George Washington Engineer of the Year Award:

- Alex Vidaurrazaga, Bureau of Engineering

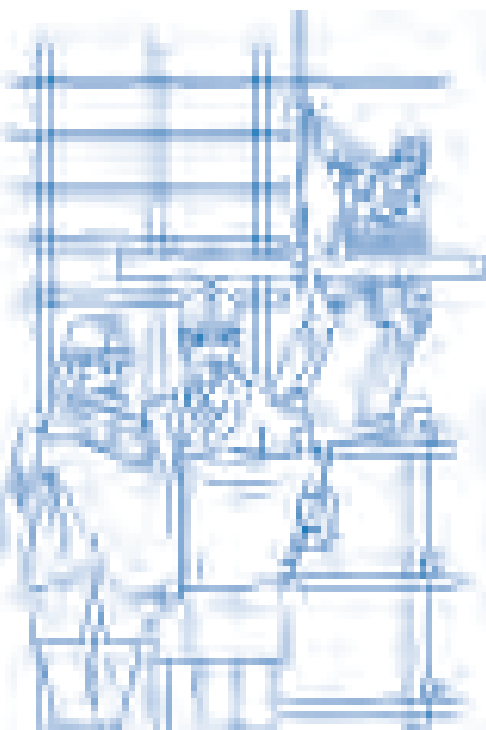
Board of Public Works President Cynthia M. Ruiz said, "I am pleased to congratulate the Public Works employees and programs that have been selected to receive the distinguished LACES awards. With your hard work, dedication and quality of work, these honors are rightfully deserved."

She adds, "I am grateful that you are part of the Department of Public Works family. You contribute significantly to the department's success."

Through its annual celebration of National Engineers' Week, LACES aims to educate the public about the value of engineering, and to encourage the youth to consider careers in the field. Aside from hosting the awards event, LACES also provides youth mentoring programs and visits different schools to educate students about different engineering concepts.

This year, the Bureau of Sanitation will participate in the student outreach efforts by conducting "Sewer Science," an environmental stewardship program stresses the importance of pollution prevention. Sanitation staff will bring a mobile treatment laboratory to schools to allow for a more comprehensive educational opportunity for students.

The Club congratulates all the winners! Special thanks to Michelle Vargas Public Information Officer, Public Affairs Office, Dept. of Public Works; Michael Simpson, past LACES President, Assistant Division Manager/IWMD/BOS; and Pamela Bond, Bureau of Sanitation.



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New Outstanding Engineer Awards: Alina Constantinescu, Sanitary Engineer II, Bureau of Sanitation.



New Outstanding Engineer Awards: Meha Patel, Senior Engineer at Montgomery Watson Harza, Los Angeles Office.



New Outstanding Engineer Awards: Dale Williams, Civil Engineering Associate III, Bureau of Engineering.



New Outstanding Engineer Awards: Jensen Wu, Engineer, Bureau of Engineering, Architectural Division.



New Outstanding Engineer Awards: Kristina Miller, Lead Payroll Systems Engineer for Wideband Global Satcom, Boeing.



New Outstanding Engineer Awards: Latesha Young, Sub-Project Manager, space technology division, Northrop Grumman Space Systems.



George Washington Engineer of the Year Award: Serafin Fernandez, National Society of Hispanic Professional Engineers representative; Alex Vidaurrazaga, head of the Bureau of Engineering Structural Engineering Division and awardee; and Michael Simpson, Bureau of Sanitation Assistant Division Manager of Industrial Waste Management Division.