

Newsbriefs

AIRPORTS ENGINEER HONORED

Intissar Durham, Chief Airports Engineer/Deputy Program Manager of Los Angeles World Airports' (LAWA) Airport Development Program, was among a field of stellar honorees cited during the Greater Los Angeles Engineer of the Year Awards gala, held July 29 at California State University, Los Angeles (CSULA).

Durham was honored with the Los Angeles Engineering Public Servant of the Year award and was recognized for her contributions and involvement in LAWA's activities that significantly contribute to the infrastructure of Los Angeles.



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Sponsored by the Friends of Engineering, Computer Science and Technology at CSULA, the awards were presented to seven notables in the field of engineering. The other honorees were U. S. Secretary of Energy and Nobel Laureate Steven Chu; Alan J. Fohrer, Southern California Edison; John Tracy, The Boeing Company; Emanuel Brady, Raytheon; Armando Ramirez, AECOM Technology Corporation; and entrepreneur Alfred Mann.

Durham's responsibilities at LAWA have involved providing technical expertise in the development of design plans and standards, program construction delivery strategies, and environmental stewardship measures for new LAWA Capital Improvement programs, including airfield improvements, utilities and infrastructures, land-side developments and terminal improvements.

In addition to serving as Deputy Program Manager for development at Los Angeles International Airport (LAX), Durham, as Chief Airports Engineer, also managed the Major Projects Division, which was responsible for the Southside Airfield Improvement Program, the Runway Status Light Infrastructure Project, the Tom Bradley International Terminal Interior Improvements and Baggage Screening Facility, and Security Program In-Line Baggage Screening Systems at both LAX and LA/Ontario International Airport.

Durham also led LAWA's efforts to make the organization a global leader in airport sustainability. In 2007, she was instrumental in developing LAWA's Sustainable Airport Planning, Design and Construction Guidelines that are continuously put into practice on all aspects of LAWA development.

With more than 20 years at LAWA, Durham has managed several programs, such as Century Cargo Redevelopment, and the LAX Enhancement Programs that included the iconic LAX Gateway pylons that illuminate the Century Boulevard entrance to the airport.

Durham began working for the City at Public Works in early 1984 and has been at LAWA since early 1988.

She holds a Bachelor of science degree in civil engineering from CSULA and a Master's degree in business administration degree from Loyola Marymount University.

With the motto "Inspire, Support, Transform," the Friends of Engineering, Computer Science and Technology is a professional organization that supports advancement of the educational programs in engineering, computer science and technology at CSULA.

STONER SKATE PARK

Rec and Parks held a grand opening ceremony July 22 for Stoner Recreation Center Skate Plaza. The ceremony opened the approximately \$1 million state-of-the-art skate plaza at the West L.A. Rec and Parks facility. The 20,000-square-foot skate plaza is a place where youths can skate in a safe environment. The funding for the project came from developer fees. The project was a response to the community's desire and need for a skate plaza.

Expected in attendance at the ceremony were Councilmember Bill Rosendahl; Jon Kirk Mukri, General Manager, Rec and Parks; Gary Lee Moore, City Engineer, Public Works; and Alec Beck, West LA Community of Skateboarders.

REC AND PARKS

Cabrillo Notes 75 With Sea Fair

Cabrillo Marine Aquarium celebrates its 75th anniversary at annual Autumn Sea Fair.



Cabrillo Beach during the early 1930s, just before the Cabrillo Marine Aquarium was created.

Photo courtesy of Cabrillo Marine Aquarium.

Club Members are invited to join Cabrillo Marine Aquarium Oct. 17 for a grand celebration of 75 years of teaching visitors about local marine environment with "up-close-and-personal" hands-on experiences, fascinating exhibits and ongoing educational programs. Recognized as the world's finest teaching aquarium, according to the museum, CMA serves more than 350,000 visitors annually, more than half of which are children.

The richness and diversity of the sea, combined with fun-in-the-sun games, hometown spirit and entertaining events to commemorate this special anniversary, can all be found at this year's "Autumn Sea Fair."

This unique event offers ocean-related activities, which include face-painting, an exciting marine life puppet show, and a giant origami demonstration. Adventurous pirates of all ages can learn how to cast a fishing line, join in the search for buried treasure in the "Great Treasure Hunt," and for those with the competitive spirit, join in on the "Beach Olympics," taking place just a few steps away on Cabrillo Beach.

Don't miss the opportunity to stop by and chat with more than two dozen marine-related organizations that will be present to share their information and activities, or visit one of our artisans and check out their beautiful and unique handcrafted pieces of art. Enjoy live music playing throughout the day; experience the unique jazz stylings of Harold Greene on the Chapman Stick;

the Japanese Drum group Kokoro Taiko, the smooth sounds of Stucco Rainbow and Geoff Agisim, singing his sea chanteys.

Don't forget to explore all Cabrillo Marine Aquarium has to offer, including the Southern California Marine Life Exhibit Hall, Aquatic Nursery, Exploration Center, and Marine Research Library.

Join the aquarium for its annual celebration of marine life and community spirit. This annual event is free to the public. Parking is available at Cabrillo Beach for \$1 per hour. Cabrillo Marine Aquarium is at 3720 Stephen M. White Dr., San Pedro, and is a facility of the City of Los Angeles Department of Recreation and Parks. Information: (310) 548-7562 or www.cabrillomarineaquarium.org.



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