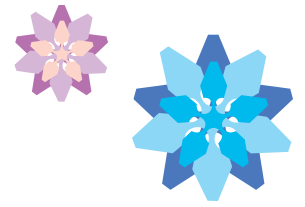


# Life's Important Moments



## Graduations

*Alive!* is delighted to publish graduation photos of Club members and their children. Send a high resolution photo and the appropriate information to [talkback@cityemployeesclub.com](mailto:talkback@cityemployeesclub.com)



Jeremiah Joshua Rodriguez graduated from Our Lady of Miraculous Medal school with honors. He received awards in all academic subjects and was honored by the National Junior Honors Society. He plans to attend Don Bosco Technical Institute in the fall and plans to play football as a DBTI Tiger on the JV football team. Jeremiah is the son of Gerald Rodriguez, DWP.



Elissa Christine Herrera graduated from USC MaST Magnet High School with high honors in June. She plans to attend Cal State Fullerton in the fall and major in biological science. Her dream is to become a veterinarian. She's the proud daughter of Armida Corral-Herrera, CDD, and Ed Herrera.



Neil Joachim Borja graduated from North Hollywood High School's highly gifted magnet program with high honors with distinction. He also received the prestigious Northrop Grumman Engineering Scholarship. He plans to attend MIT to pursue a major in mechanical engineering. Neil is the son of Neilo, DWP, and Rowena Borja, Airports.



Jesse Joseph Rodriguez graduated with honors from Don Bosco Technical Institute. He was the top student in his technology and was nominated for the Cardinal James McIntyre Award. Jesse was a member of the National Hispanic Honors Society. He also achieved his Eagle Scout rank in the Boy Scouts of America in June. He plans to attend Woodbury University in the fall, studying graphic design. Jesse is the son of Gerald Rodriguez, DWP.



Alyssa Peterson graduated from Fresno State with honors, earning a bachelor's degree in psychology. She plans to pursue a master's degree in child psychology toward her doctorate. She's the granddaughter of Thomas Vercher, Retired, Library. "Grandpaw (!) is so proud of her."



Vincent Frias graduated from UCLA with a bachelor's degree in political science. He is a three-time City Employees Club Scholarship recipient and plans to apply to law school or the FBI Academy. He is the son of Frank Frias, Club Member.



Aaliyah J. Jordan graduated with honors from University High School in West Los Angeles. She plans to attend Loyola Marymount University in liberal arts. Aaliyah is the daughter of Vernice Taylor, Customer Service Representative, DWP, 14 years of City service.



Andrea Netterville, PSR II, LAPD Southeast Division, graduated from the University of Redlands with a bachelor's degree in business management.



Erica Noelle R. Barin graduated as valedictorian at Clark Magnet High School in La Crescenta. She plans to major in biomedical research and engineering at USC. "Fight on, Trojan!" She's the daughter of Perry and Farah Aileen Barin (CDD).



Cierra Evans graduated from San Francisco State University with a degree in political science. Her dad is Cedric Evans, DWP.



Kiara Hinami Yoshida graduated from Nakayoshi Yochien, a Japanese language preschool, in June. She is the daughter of Makiko Yoshida and Eric Yoshida, DWP.



Andrew Jamgotchian graduated from Notre Dame High School in Sherman Oaks, CA. He is the son of David and Marie Jamgotchian, graphic designers of the *Alive!* publication.



Saad Khan graduated from Alexander Hamilton High School and plans to pursue computer science. He's the son of Javed Khan, DWP.



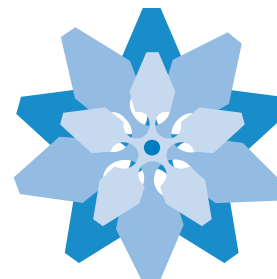
James Laurence Owen is a 2012 graduate from Cal Poly Pomona, Magna Cum Laude, in Urban Regional Planning. Outstanding work James! He is the son of retired parents Lourdes P. Owen (GSD Asset Management) and Jeff Owen (DWP Geology).

## Retirements

NAME	TITLE	DEPT	YEARS	NAME	TITLE	DEPT	YEARS	NAME	TITLE	DEPT	YEARS
Almanza, Mario	Port Marketing Mgr.	Harbor	26	King, Delpha Gene	Custodian	General Services	10	Partoza, Erlina	Not Disclosed	DWP	Not Disclosed
Anderson, William	Equipment Mechanic	LAPD	22	Koehler, James	Heavy Duty Equip. Mech.	Airports	28	Perez, Michael A.	General Manager	Fire Police	Pensions 32
Brinkerhoff, Steve	Not Disclosed	DWP	Not Disclosed	Kopanski, William	Not Disclosed	DWP	Not Disclosed	Prado, Daniel	Not Disclosed	DWP	Not Disclosed
Broguiere, Leon	Not Disclosed	DWP	Not Disclosed	Kunze, Donald	Not Disclosed	DWP	Not Disclosed	Pratt, Lorraine	Not Disclosed	DWP	Not Disclosed
Campion, Joseph	Power Shovel Operator	Public Works	22	Le Gardy, La Rita	Detention Officer	LAPD	15	Rodriguez, Isabel	Programmer/Analyst	VITA	12
Castle, Leonard	Machinist	LAFD	26	Lehron, Michael Jr.	Not Disclosed	DWP	Not Disclosed	Rosenberg, Geraldine	Recreation Asst. C	Rec and Parks	2
Ceballos, Gloria	Not Disclosed	DWP	Not Disclosed	Luna, Maria	Event Attendant III	Convention Center	11	Sanchez, Carlos	Maintenance Laborer	Public Works	25
Chamberlain, Joaquin	Shift Supt. W.W. Treatment II	Public Works	34	Martinez, Carlos	Ref. Collection Truck Op. II	Public Works	30	Sanchez, Judith	Not Disclosed	DWP	Not Disclosed
Colon, Ferdinand	Animal Care Tech Supv.	Animal Services	20	Mau, Stephen	Not Disclosed	DWP	Not Disclosed	Sanfilippo, Edward	Not Disclosed	DWP	Not Disclosed
Curtis, Edgar	Warehouse Worker II	Harbor	17	McMahon, David	Background Invest. III	LAPD	12	Schipper, Mark	Construction Inspector	Airports	31
Cwiakala, Robert	Not Disclosed	DWP	Not Disclosed	Meyers, Bruce	Sr. Construction Inspector	Public Works	23	Schneider, Ellen	Not Disclosed	DWP	Not Disclosed
Davies, Danny	Not Disclosed	DWP	Not Disclosed	Michaels, Salvador	Not Disclosed	DWP	Not Disclosed	Schumann, Rebecca	Not Disclosed	DWP	Not Disclosed
Dorman, Jerry	Not Disclosed	DWP	Not Disclosed	Mora, Estevan	Not Disclosed	DWP	Not Disclosed	Shih, Jay	Civil Engineer	Public Works	21
Eastham, Brett	Not Disclosed	DWP	Not Disclosed	More, Dennis	Not Disclosed	DWP	Not Disclosed	Sia, Chou	Not Disclosed	DWP	Not Disclosed
Esparza, Ramon	Not Disclosed	DWP	Not Disclosed	Munoz, Irma	Not Disclosed	DWP	Not Disclosed	Smith, Robin Anita	Sr. Police Serv. Rep. II	LAPD	30
Everly, Patrice	Police Service Rep	LAPD	19	Nahabedian, Krikor	Airport Guide II	Airports	3	Turner, Don	Not Disclosed	DWP	Not Disclosed
Fletcher, Thomas	Custodian	General Services	34	Nance, John	Not Disclosed	DWP	Not Disclosed	Uc, Silverio	Gardener Caretaker	Rec and Parks	31
Furuyama, Steven	Not Disclosed	DWP	Not Disclosed	O'Donnell, Doreen	Not Disclosed	DWP	Not Disclosed	Ullerick, William	Not Disclosed	DWP	Not Disclosed
Hayes, Cynthia	Not Disclosed	DWP	Not Disclosed	Oneal, Richard Dean	Construction Inspector	Public Works	21	Valles, Edward	Warehouse Worker II	General Services	12
Hicks, Bernard	Trans. Engr. Assoc. IV	Transportation	32	Orme, Marguerite	Sr. Clerk Typist	Finance	24	Warren, John P.	Maintenance Laborer	Public Works	17
Holt, Arthur	Custodian	General Services	12	Ozen, Trabiezo	Not Disclosed	DWP	Not Disclosed	Webb, Karen L.	Sr. Clerk Typist	Personnel	6
Hopkins, Charles	Wastewater Trmt. Mech. II	Public Works	18	Park, Joanie	Clerk Typist	LAPD	31	Wendling, Thomas	Electrical Supv.	Convention Center	24
King, Bara	Pr. Rec Supervisor II	Rec and Parks	37	Parsons, Christopher	Sr. Librarian	Library	30	Williams, Steven	Refuse Crew Field Instr.	Public Works	26

## Share your moments!

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### Special Achievements

#### Wheel of Fortune, for Charity



Det. Gus Martinez (left) and his son, Jason.

**L**APD Det. Gus Martinez raised more than \$2,500 for Special Olympics of Southern California and set a Guinness Book of World Records mark at the same time.

As a kickoff to the Southern California Special Olympics law enforcement Torch Run, Det. Martinez boarded the Ferris wheel on the Santa Monica Pier at 7:30 a.m. May 31 with his son and family. The torch was attached to his Ferris wheel gondola. He then rode the Ferris wheel for the next 25 hours. "I was prohibited from sleeping," he told *Alive!* "I was allowed a five-minute break for every 60 minutes I stayed on. I took my first break after about five hours and then every three to four hours throughout the event.

"I broke the Guinness Record [June 1] at 8:01 a.m., which was 24 hours, 30 minutes, but I stayed on until 8:30 for a total of 25 hours to set the new record.

"My whole reason for volunteering and helping with Special Olympics is my son, Jason, who has Down Syndrome."



#### Kudos to Kerry

**K**erry Franco has been appointed to the Montebello Unified School District's Personnel Commission. Her term begins immediately and runs through Dec. 1, 2014.

She's the daughter of Red Medina, Public Works/Contract Administration, and Lupe Medina, the Club's Administrative Service Representative. Kerry is an alumna of the University of Southern California, married and the mother of three.

Nice going, Kerry!



Det. Gus Ruiz (right) and family members accept an official award for breaking a Guinness Book of World Records mark.



Det. Gus Martinez, center. His son, Jason, is in the foreground, far right.



### In Memoriam

Our thoughts and condolences are with the family and friends of the following current and retired City employees who have passed away. The number after the name indicates years of service.

#### Active

Bunn, Yolanda, LAPD , 16  
 Davis, Suzan, CDD, 11  
 Francis, James, General Services, 23  
 Fuller, Leo, Building and Safety, 26  
 Gardner, Gary, Harbor, 23  
 Rutherford, Horace, Airports, 17  
 Lott, Steve, General Services, 14  
 Valdez, Vincent, CDD, 16  
 Vallejo, Mauricio, Cultural Affairs, 17

#### Retired

Aragon, Leobardo, Rec and Parks, 12  
 Barr, Hubert, Public Works, 13  
 Berru, Armando, Rec and Parks, 28  
 Blackshear, Althea, Planning, 36  
 Brown, Earl, Airports, 30  
 Bromell, Thurman, Public Works, 22  
 Brown, Washington, Airports, 31  
 Burris, Horace, General Services, 36  
 Butler-Gamble, Lorna, Building and Safety  
 Cohen, Milton, Public Works, 33  
 Cooley, Willie, Public Works, 31  
 Curtain, John, Transportation, 23  
 Diaz, Rodrigo, Airports, 6

Du Plessis, Paul, Building and Safety, 23  
 Evangelista, Mariano, Conv. Center, 31  
 Farrar, Merle, Public Works, 24  
 Galluzo, Charles, General Services, 15  
 Gibbs, Laura, Public Works, 21  
 Gibson, Walter, Planning, 45  
 Haggard, Sarah, Controller's, 19  
 Lara, Frank, Building and Safety, 20  
 Lutz, Patricia, Public Works, 14  
 Malsby, Robert, Public Works, 13  
 McCool, Johnny, Public Works, 21  
 Moore, William, Public Works, 38  
 Noble, Fred, Airports, 12  
 Oconnor, Vincent, Building and Safety, 32

Pace, Robert, Library, 13  
 Patton, Helen, Public Works, 35  
 Payne, Julius, Transportation, 12  
 Sato, Toshiyasu, LAFD, 12  
 Seyler, Betty, Personnel, 30  
 Shakstad, Spencer, Public Works, 15  
 Silva, Juan, Rec and Parks, 25  
 Strait, David, Public Works, 17  
 Valenzuela, Robert, Public Works, 27  
 Weaver, David, Airports, 23  
 Woodruff, Gladys, Pensions, 38  
 Young, Richard, General Services, 31



#### Military

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#### Weddings

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#### Births

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## Peace of Mind

by Tiffany Sy  
 The Club's Peace of Mind Expert



### Military Service and Benefits

**D**id you know that if you are on active duty and deployed for military service, your benefits become inactive until your return? The Club's insurance plans ineligible for coverage while you are on official military service are Long Term Disability, Short Term Disability, Accidental Death and Dismemberment, and the Accident Plan. The flipside, of course, is that you are most likely covered by the military

while serving. Another benefit is that your insurance premiums for these benefits are waived during your service. Notify us as soon as you receive word of deployment and the Club will waive your premiums.

Also, if you have the Club's Group Term Life insurance, unlike many other term life policies, our benefits will cover you during your military deployment. You will also be able

to continue coverage on our Cash Cancer plan.

If you have any questions, please call and ask. We are here to help you understand your insurance benefits.

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