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Livermore High School Recognized as a California Distinguished School

March 5, 2019 - Livermore, CA - Livermore High School (LHS), with its 127 years of history, has distinguished itself among the Livermore community countless times. This year in particular, it has cause to celebrate and reflect on its achievements, having recently been recognized as a 2019 California Distinguished School. This award represents an impressive State-wide distinction for LHS, and honors the school’s commitment to providing an exemplary and inspiring education to all students.

To qualify for the award, a school must show success in the performance and progress criteria as specified by the California School Dashboard. The school must also provide evidence that its programs promote exceptional student performance or serve to minimize the achievement gap with measurable progress over two school years. These criteria include student performance in English Language Arts and Mathematics, suspension rates, graduation rates, and college/career indicators. As a Distinguished School Award winner, LHS represents a State-standard model of success in these categories.

“This recognition is a validation of the hard work and dedication of the entire LHS staff and school community in support of our amazing students,” said Livermore Valley Joint Unified School District (LVJUSD) Superintendent of Schools Kelly Bowers, Ed.D. “Livermore High is certainly distinguished already in the hearts of so many within our community, and this State-level acknowledgment is a testament to the qualities and accomplishments that make this school special.”

LHS boasts numerous remarkable programs to ensure every student has the opportunity to explore myriad interests, and to develop college and career pathways. Its Agricultural Program is the only one of its kind in Alameda County, producing students with interest and experience in agriculture-related fields of study and work. The school offers Advanced Placement and Honors courses, Career Technical Education (CTE) programs, regional occupational programs (ROP), and artistic programs that foster creativity and expression.

Of particular note is LHS’ exceptional Green Engineering Academy (GEA), which has greatly contributed to an increase in student academic interest, participation, and performance. The GEA is a cohort program unique to LHS in the District that focuses on careers in clean technology and renewable energy. Since the 2010-11 school year – through a grant from the California Department of Education that implements a California Partnership Academy – LHS works with local industrial partners to provide an academic program that ties in STEM, CTE, environmental
awareness, and business network support. Students enter the four-year academy as freshmen and remain with their cohort throughout, establishing a high level of collaboration and support between both students and staff.

For a school with a history like LHS, being named a Distinguished School represents the collective effort of over a century of contributions from teachers, administrations, students, alumni, and the Livermore community. “This award takes into account our entire school climate,” said LHS Principal Vicki Scudder. “It honors our traditions, our unique programs, and the deep level of connection between our school and the community.”

This is actually the second time LHS has earned this esteemed distinction – the high school was recognized as a California Distinguished School in 2007, although the criteria have since changed from standardized test scores to a more holistic assessment and accountability system. Within that transition period, the State recognized schools that demonstrated exemplary achievements as California Gold Ribbons Schools, an award LHS earned in 2014.

Photos courtesy of LVJUSD and Livermore Granada Boosters

Photo 1: LHS Graduates
Photo 2: LHS agriculture student in FFA
Photo 3: GEA students at LHS

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LVJUSD is an award-winning district that serves more than 13,900 students in transitional kindergarten through 12th grade at nine elementary campuses, two K-8 schools, three middle schools, two comprehensive high schools, and two alternative schools. The LVJUSD features International Baccalaureate Programmes and a STEM pathway, TK-12. The mission of the Livermore Valley Joint Unified School District is to ensure each student will graduate with the skills needed to contribute and thrive in a changing world. For more information about the Livermore Valley Joint Unified School District, please visit [www.livermoreschools.org](http://www.livermoreschools.org)

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