



2016 Spring Luncheon: Let the Music Play

The 2016 Spring Luncheon is on **Friday, May 6**. This year's theme is *Let the Music Play*, honoring the BUSD music program. You can get a jump start on this year's Luncheon by sending in your [Sponsor Commitment](#) form or purchasing [individual tickets](#). Don't



miss out on this annual community event! We hope to see you there!

Friday, May 6, 11am–1:30pm

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Benefit for Music Scholarships Featuring Pianist Sarah Cahill



Please join us for *Spring Into Music* Featuring Sarah Cahill, A Fundraiser for the Boatwright Weinstein Student Music Scholarship! **The concert takes place on April 9, 2016 at 7pm at St. John's Church.** [Purchase tickets here.](#)

The Boatwright Weinstein scholarship is dedicated to students who have demonstrated significant potential in the study of music but do not have the means to deepen their music education with private lessons, as many students in Berkeley do.

We are pleased to welcome renowned pianist Sarah Cahill, recently called "a sterling pianist and an intrepid illuminator of the classical avant-garde" by the New York Times and a "brilliant and charismatic advocate for modern and contemporary composers" by Time Out New York. A Berkeley High Chamber Group will also perform.

BTA's Margaret Agbowo Awarded Outstanding Teacher

Congratulations to Berkeley Technology Academy (BTA) teacher Margaret Agbowo-Onyewuanyi who was recently awarded the Outstanding Teacher award by the CUE Awards Committee. The CUE Outstanding Teacher award recognizes a classroom teacher who is making a noteworthy contribution to educational technology in a classroom setting, and Ms. Agbowo infuses her BTA classroom with technology so students are exposed to industry-standard tools and "learn to learn" to keep up with trends.



Ms. Agbowo writes, "I'm so honored to receive this award and thank twelve

years of students for learning with me, colleagues and administrators for supporting my growth as an educator, funding organizations such as Willard Parent Teacher Association, Berkeley Public Schools Fund, Berkeley High School Development Group, Donors Choose and Chevron Fuel Your School for funding the ideas I imagine for students, and my family and friends for their love and support."

Announcing Our 2016 Summer Fellows!

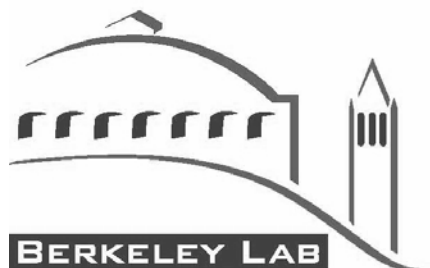


We are happy to announce the list of our 2016 Summer Fellows who will engage in a summer project of their choosing, broadening their personal and professional experience. [Read descriptions of all the Summer Fellows' projects here.](#)

Liliana Aguas, *LeConte*: TCRWP Summer Reading Institute
Jamie Davidson, *Washington*: Lucy Calkins Summer Writing Institute
Cherene Fillingim-Selk, *Cragmont*: S.O.S. Sharing Our Skills
Alison Kelly, *Rosa Parks*: Women's Literacy & Empowerment
Angelica Perez, *Thousand Oaks*: TCRWP Summer Reading Institute
Elizabeth Scarboro, *Washington*: New Strategies for Reading Intervention
Naomi Washington-Diouf, *Berkeley High*: Reference Booklet
Barbara Wenger, *Jefferson*: Building Restorative Practice Skills
Lynn Zamarra, *LeConte*: Spanish Language Proficiency

Donor Spotlight: Lawrence Berkeley National Laboratory

This month's Donor Spotlight is [Lawrence Berkeley National Laboratory](#) (LBNL). They have been supporting the Schools Fund since 1999, and LBNL has been a Spring Luncheon Sponsor since 2004. Every year, the Schools Fund provides funding for a field trip to the Lab's [BLAZES](#) program for every 5th grade class in the District. It's an experience we are very proud to bring to every student, giving them exposure to Berkeley's world class scientific research institution just up the hill.



Friends & Family: Enrich Our Schools



Our [Friends & Family Grants](#) site has several projects currently looking for funding. Teachers from Cragmont, Longfellow, Thousand Oaks, BAM, Willard, and King Middle are looking for donations for a variety of projects—some are

even school-wide.

Nicole Solis from Longfellow Middle is crowdfunding for a [Giant Chess Set for Lunch Club](#). "Students need more organized activities at lunch to keep them engaged and entertained. Chess is a great option for many. Teachers are also excited to interact with more students by joining the fun!"

Rosemary Hannon from Cragmont is crowdfunding to bring [a Son Jarocho Dance Master Teacher](#) to her classes. Third through fifth grade Two Way Immersion Spanish/English students will benefit from Son Jarocho (traditional Mexican dance) classes taught by Master Teacher Nydia Algazzali Gonzalez.

Check out [Friends & Family](#) to find even more projects to support!

Meet Me Downtown Day on Sunday

On Sunday March 20th from 12—5pm, Downtown Berkeley will be hosting its first ever [Meet Me Downtown Day](#), featuring six renowned cultural venues that will be opening their doors with free activities for all ages. Over a dozen restaurants will be offering specials to visitors who attend the cultural venues. Start and end your visit at Downtown Berkeley BART Plaza, get a map and list of venues and restaurant specials, and enter to win an Extravaganza Weekend if you collect Meet Me Downtown stickers at all six venues. Post your favorite photos on Instagram with #MeetMeDowntownBerkeley to win an iPadMini. [Learn more here.](#)



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