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BOARD OF TRUSTEES

Applications are due April 18

The deadline is Monday for local residents to apply for the open seat on the Board of Trustees of the Victor Valley Union High School District.

The vacancy occurred due to the resignation of Lisa Crosby. The newly appointed board member will serve out the remainder of her term of office, which will end after November of this year.

Those interested in applying for the appointment must be a registered voter and reside within the service area of the Victor Valley Union High School

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HUMAN RESOURCES

Beeman joins district cabinet

The Victor Valley Union High School District has welcomed Dr. Keith Beeman as its new Assistant Superintendent of Human Resources.

Dr. Beeman is in his 37th year in education, including 26 years as a district administrator.

“Dr. Beeman has a wealth of



Beeman

experience, and we are ecstatic to have him on board,” VVUHSD Superintendent Dr. Ron Williams said. “His expertise, work ethic and attention to detail will be of tremendous benefit to our staff and, by extension, our students.”

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HSN rocks Hawks



Actor and musician Drake Bell, center, plays with his band in front of a crowd of Silverado High School students on April 6. Bell headlined the High School Nation event at the campus in Victorville.

Silverado one of 25 stops on tour featuring Drake Bell, others

High School Nation Tour came to the school.

More than 2,000 Silverado High School students were treated to an afternoon of music and interactive entertainment on April 6 as the

Actor/musician Drake Bell, best known for his roles on the hit Nickelodeon shows “Drake & Josh” and “The Amanda Show,” headlined

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- The Daily Press covers active shooter training at the former University Prep campus: <http://www.vvdailypress.com/article/20160331/NEWS/160339949>
- The Daily Press recognizes CIMS students for History Day performance: <http://www.vvdailypress.com/article/20160321/NEWS/160329970>
- The Daily Press interviews Dr. Ratmony Yee about the effectiveness of Common Core: <http://www.vvdailypress.com/article/20160409/NEWS/160409722>
- The Daily Press covers Hook Junior High School's Civil War Reenactment Days: <http://www.vvdailypress.com/news/20160414/hook-students-participate-in-annual-civil-war-reenactment>
- The Daily Press covers the High School Nation tour stop at Silverado: <http://www.vvdailypress.com/article/20160408/NEWS/160409766>
- The Daily Press covers Silverado's push to support a special needs student: <http://www.vvdailypress.com/news/20160323/silverado-seeking-support-for-handicapped-student>



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EMPLOYEES OF THE QUARTER



Front row from left: Victor Valley Union High School District Employees of the Quarter Rose Crawford, Brandi Carrillo, Ken Kamiyama and Stephanie Wilson. Back row from left: VVUHS D Superintendent Dr. Ron Williams and board members Penny Edmiston, Tim Hauk, Barbara Dew and Tim Norton.

Board honors standout staff

The Victor Valley Union High School District Board of Trustees honored Brandi Carrillo, Rose Crawford, Ken Kamiyama and Stephanie Wilson as the latest Employees of the Quarter at a recent board meeting.

The four were chosen from 29 certificated and 28 classified nominees for the third quarter.

Carrillo is an administrative assistant at Lakeview Leadership Academy. Her nominator told the story of a student who was brought to Carrillo for throwing food during lunch. Carrillo talked to the student and found out that he was being ridiculed for wearing his sister's shoes because his parents couldn't afford new shoes for him.

"As soon as the student was out of her office, she was in her car going to buy him new shoes," the nominator wrote. "...He was so happy. He had such a huge smile on his face. He continues to wear

those shoes proudly. I know that things like this are done by her each and every day."

Crawford is a library tech at Victor Valley High School. Her nominator wrote that she "is one of the most dedicated employees in the district." In addition to her support of students and staff in her library duties, Crawford was selected to serve on the School Site Council and has given her time for many years to serve on the Hartman Foundation, which supports fine arts at VVHS. She is retiring after serving the district since 1997.

Kamiyama is a math teacher at Hook Junior High School and runs the school's broadcasting program. He devotes much of his own time outside of the classroom editing the students' broadcasts each week. Kamiyama's nominator said he is "the kind of

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COMING UP

- NEXT BOARD MEETING
APRIL 20, OPEN SESSION
AT 6:15 P.M.
- DISTRICT PICNIC
MAY 4, 3:30 P.M.
AT HOOK
- IN THE NEXT NEWSLETTER:
ART SHOW, CIVIL WAR
REENACTMENT, AND MORE
DISTRICT NEWS!

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District. Current employees of the district may not apply.

Application forms, which include providing a statement of qualifications, are available at the Victor Valley Union High School District Office, 16350 Mojave Drive, Victorville, CA 92395. Deadline for filing application is 4 p.m. on Monday, April 18, 2016.

For information, please contact the Superintendent's office at 760-955-3201, extension 10202 or 10203.

SOCIAL MEDIA

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UNIVERSITY PREP

UP freshman earns \$1,000 scholarship, recognition

A University Preparatory freshman was awarded a \$1,000 scholarship while receiving recognition from local and federal leaders at Wednesday's High Desert Water Summit.

Nolan Serumaga, a UP ninth-grader, appeared onstage at the event, which was attended by hundreds of spectators Wednesday at the Barstow Community College Performing Arts Center.

Serumaga was one of five finalists in an essay contest on the topic of water conservation. He competed against students from around the High Desert, including high school upperclassmen and a UCLA student.

Serumaga and the five other finalists were awarded certificates of recognition by San Bernardino County 3rd District Supervisor James Ramos, and they were also



Above: Nolan Serumaga poses with UP Principal Valerie Hatcher at the High Desert Water Summit
Bottom: Serumaga, fifth from left, poses with fellow finalists and local dignitaries at the event.

recognized by representatives for Congressman Paul Cook and 1st District Supervisor Robert

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the festival-style event held on the Victorville campus, sharing the stage with up-and-coming artists Far Young, Palaye Royale and Izzy Malik.

Nearly the entire student body attended, with some watching the performers while others played keyboards, guitars, turntables, drums and other musical equipment provided by Guitar Center and other sponsors.

The High School Nation tour visits public high schools across the country, giving students hands-on experience with music and other fields of the arts. High School Nation also has a foundation that contributes money to school art and drama programs, and Associated Student Body Director Jessica Swift said Silverado will receive a donation.

"The main thing they want to do is increase interest in arts and music in high schools," Swift said. "Everything is 100 percent free, and it's such an awesome experi-



Drake Bell plays a guitar solo during his recent performance at Silverado High School.

ence for the students."

The spring tour stops at only 25 high schools, and hundreds of schools go through an application process to be chosen for the tour. Silverado has been chosen as a tour stop in three of the last four years, Swift said.

Students won prizes such as a guitar, a DJ system and a skateboard. The students also received free refreshments from Takis and

Sparkling Ice.

Naomi Jensen, Silverado's senior class president, won a dance contest that will enter her into a drawing along with 25 other students — one from each tour stop. The winner of the drawing will receive free airfare to a concert, including a concert ticket and a \$500 gift card.

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teacher that everyone wants on their campus. ... He is an excellent teacher and always gives 100 percent in all he does."

The final honoree was Silverado High School teacher Stephanie Wilson. Wilson's nominator called her "a master at transforming the classroom into a stimulated and engaged arena."

The nominator added that "she has the heart, the passion, the skills, and the fire needed to spark

students... (She) goes above and beyond what is expected of her in her classroom and helps her school in any way she can."

The final round of Employee of the Quarter nominations for the 2015-2016 school year ends soon. If there is anyone that you feel deserves recognition for their contributions and if you consider them to have gone beyond their regular duties, take this last chance to nominate them. The Employee of the Quarter nominations will close on April 22.

When nominating, please make sure to list specific examples which made the nominated individual stand out. Announcements of the winners will be made at the May board meeting.

You can click the link for the Employee of the Quarter Nominations under "Staff Resources" on the district website, or follow this link to nominate now:

<https://docs.google.com/a/vvstu.org/forms/d/1zk2m-Zd-J9FAeN4hbkeRkMFPDtvIME-Pd3SDDjWnNRMyI/viewform>

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Lovingood. The overall winner of the contest, Enrique Arcilla from the Academy for Academic Excellence, received a \$5,000 scholarship, while Serumaga and three other finalists received \$1,000 each.

Serumaga was featured in a video segment shown to the crowd, where he talked about the importance of water conservation and was shown enjoying his hobby, playing the guitar.

Each student was paired with a community member to work on the essay. Serumaga teamed up with Victorville businessman David Greiner, who said in the video that he was impressed with Serumaga's knowledge and work ethic. University Prep Principal Valerie Hatcher was also on hand to congratulate Serumaga.



BOARD RECOGNITIONS



Adelanto High School wrestler Ashanique Smith, fourth from left, poses with her coaches Mike and Monica LaBrosse, Principal Ebony Purcell, Dr. Williams and the board. Smith advanced to the state finals in wrestling, making her Adelanto High School's first athlete ever to advance to a CIF State event.

Cobalt Institute of Math and Science students and their teachers were recognized for their outstanding performance at the recent History Day competition. Read [this Daily Press article](#) for more information on the students.



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Dr. Beeman, who joined VVUHSD at the beginning of this month, succeeds previous Assistant Superintendent of Human Resources Ray Johnson, who left the district last year and was replaced on an interim basis by Walt Schwartz.

Dr. Beeman holds a Ph.D. in Educational Leadership with a focus in Personnel Law from the University of Kansas; he also earned a master's degree from the University of Central Oklahoma and a bachelor's degree from Truman State University in Missouri.

A native of Kansas City, Missouri, Dr. Beeman has worked for school districts throughout

California and the West. His most recent position was at the Kent School District in the Seattle area, where he served as Assistant Superintendent of Human Resources.

Dr. Beeman said he pursued the VVUHSD position because he is excited about the direction in which Dr. Williams and the board are moving the district, and because he has "relationships both personal and professional in Southern California, and it is exciting to rekindle those relationships."

He has also served as Superintendent of Billings (Montana) Public Schools, Associate Superintendent for Human Resources in the Chino Valley Unified School

District, a Strategic Leadership Consultant for the Oakland Unified School District and Deputy Superintendent for the Compton Unified School District.

Before moving into district administration in 1990, Dr. Beeman worked as a public school teacher and site administrator in addition to a two-year stint as an instructor at Kansas State University.

Dr. Beeman said there are three words on which he bases his educational philosophy: "Inspire, educate and empower."

"Inspire (students) to want to learn, then educate them," Dr. Beeman said, "and with that education they become empowered to make choices and shape their own future."