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**SIGNING BEAM**— Guest speakers at the March 17 topping out ceremony at Los Angeles International Airport prepare to sign the last steel beam to be placed atop the Terminal 4 Connector. From left: Kevin Dow, Turner Construction Company vice president/general manager; **Valeria Velasco**, vice president, Los Angeles Board of Airport Commissioners; and **Roger Johnson**, deputy executive director – Airports Development Group, Los Angeles World Airports.

## LAX Terminal 4 Connector Project Tops Out

The new Terminal 4 Connector Building at Los Angeles International Airport (LAX) reached a major construction milestone March 17 when workers placed the final structural steel beam atop the building’s frame. Currently on schedule for completion in 2016, the \$115-million project consists of a multi-use, multi-level facility that will provide a secure connection between the Tom Bradley International Terminal (TBIT) and Terminal 4.

The new facility will make it easier for passengers to make connecting flights at other terminals by reducing the walking distance

between terminals and making transfers easier for passengers with checked luggage.

Design and construction is being performed by Turner Construction Company.

An audience of project stakeholders and construction workers celebrated the “topping out” during a ceremony held near the site. As part of the event, attendees signed the final I-beam adorned with an American flag and an evergreen tree. The beam was then attached to the top of the structure by crane.

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# LAX, VNY Host Annual Student Job Shadow Days

Los Angeles International Airport (LAX) and Van Nuys Airport (VNY) recently hosted their annual Job Shadow Days as part of a nation-wide event dedicated to giving young people real-life “job shadowing” experiences.

Job shadowing provides students the opportunity to “work” side-by-side with a workplace mentor as they go through a normal day on the job. It provides an up-close look at how the skills learned in the classroom are put into action in the workplace.

More than 90 students from Westchester Enriched Sciences Magnet High School’s Aviation and Aerospace section, Saint Bernard’s High, Orville Wright Enriched Sciences Magnet and Judge Albert Monroe Middle Schools participated. All of the schools are in the LAX area. Orville Wright and Westchester have aviation and science magnet curriculums. LAX program is coordinated by the LAX Community Relations Division.

At LAX, students job shadowed in the fields of accounting, airfield operations, airlines, aviation services, aviation law enforcement, business administration, engineering, environmental management, human resources, information technology and law.

More than 40 students from Van Nuys High School attended VNY’s annual Job Shadow Day. The event was held in partnership with Junior Achievement of Southern California and airport tenants.

“Job Shadow Day is an excellent opportunity for students to get a real-world glimpse into a career they are considering. Being at the airport, seeing the action up close, and interacting with people who work here are invaluable experiences,” said **Greg Lavender**, Airport Superintendent of Operations II at VNY.

Participating students at VNY began their day with a tour of the airfield before job shadowing various operations at the airport,

including LAWA’s Maintenance, Operations, and Public Relations departments.

Diana Morales, a 12th-grader at Van Nuys High School, believed the experience was particularly beneficial to her. “I learned a lot about the different opportunities in this field. This experience showed me that you can find things you like to do and apply it to aviation,” she said.

Lavender agreed, adding “There are many career choices available in aviation; it’s not just limited to pilots and air traffic controllers. Spending a day at the airport gives students a chance to see all the possibilities.”



*ON THE JOB—VNY Maintenance staff member **Tony Goff** demonstrates the use of a power saw to a Van Nuys High School student during Job Shadow Day.*

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The tradition of attaching a tree and flag to the final structural beam has been practiced by construction workers for over 1,000 years. The tree represents growth, life and good luck for the construction workers and the building’s future occupants. The flag is displayed as a patriotic symbol that signifies the united effort by the project team to achieve a common goal.

“This project, along with the many others taking place right now at LAX, is pivotal to providing the type of passenger efficiency and experience that travelers have come to expect at world-class airports, and that myself and the other members of the Board of Airport Commissioners, support,” said **Val Velasco**, vice president of LAWA’s Board of Airport Commissioners.

“This project will greatly improve the traveling experience for passengers making a domestic or international connection between terminals,” said Los Angeles World Airports Deputy Executive Director for Airports Development **Roger Johnson**. “We couldn’t be more pleased with the progress. Thanks to the

hard work and talents of this project team, we truly are building an LAX of the future.”

“Today marks a much-anticipated milestone in the modernization of LAX. This is another great step in the ongoing efforts to make LAX a truly world-class gateway to Los Angeles,” said Kevin Dow, vice president of Turner Construction. “The flow of the Terminal 4 Connector design will provide an enhanced experience for passengers as they make connections between domestic to international travel at one of the world’s busiest airports.”

When completed, the new California Green Certified facility will include a Checked-Baggage Inspection System, South Matrix Interline Baggage Transfer facility, and a five-lane Passenger Security Screening Check Point. A Passenger Bus Port will facilitate travelers transferring between Terminals 5 through 8, and a Public Plaza will have outdoor seating on the upper level.

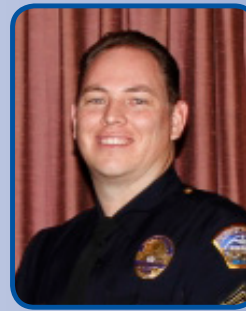
# Airport Officers Receive Officer of the Year Awards

Airport Police Officers **Sean Foley**, a 10-year veteran, and **Marcio Matsumoto**, an eight-year veteran, were each honored with Officer of the Year awards during Law Enforcement Appreciation Night hosted by Westchester Elks Lodge. The event recognized and honored law enforcement's sworn and civilian men and women, whose service to the Westchester community was exemplary during 2014.

Officers Foley and Matsumoto were honored for their work and collaboration in the Comprehensive Airport Security Program. Both officers are assigned to the New Tom Bradley International Terminal (TBIT) and are responsible for ensuring a safe environment for business and travel through adherence of the Airport Security Program.

Since the beginning of construction of the New TBIT, the officers have emphasized security awareness, physical security and the planning and coordination of all stakeholders involved in the construction processes.

Both officers were described as going above and beyond federal requirements to enhance public safety, by



Officer Sean Foley



Officer Marcio Matsumoto

developing new policies, which are now standardized throughout the airport. The officers also developed training for thousands of employees to enhance the overall security at LAX.

They continuously monitored current threats to the aviation industry and developed strategies to enhance security measures and assessed vulnerabilities including "insider threats" by conducting audits and testing in plain-clothes operations.



Gaby Pacheco

*ASSISTING*—LAWA Finance & Budget Volunteer **Sharon Jackson** assists L.A. Marathon runner.



Gaby Pacheco

*HELPING*—Team LAWA Volunteers, on right, front to back: **Mary Wall**, Administration; **Adriana Renteria**, Administration; and **Jennifer Wong**, Finance & Budget.

## Team LAWA Volunteers Assist Marathon Runners

Inside the L.A. Convention Center on Saturday, March 14, Team LAWA employees and their relatives and friends volunteered during the annual L.A. Marathon Health & Fitness Expo. The volunteers assisted registered runners collecting their official L.A. Marathon race packets.

This year's race was a cause for celebration – it was the 30th edition of the L.A. Marathon. The race sold out again for the third straight year with more than 26,000 runners participating from all 50 states and more than 55 countries around the world.

According to L.A. Marathon officials, these impressive participation numbers once again made the "stadium to the sea" race one of the five largest marathons in the U.S., and one of the 10 largest worldwide.

These volunteers represented Los Angeles World Airports at the event:



Gaby Pacheco

*SEARCHING*—LAWA Rideshare Volunteer **Tanya Baker** searches for runner's packet.

**Mary Albers**, Administration; **Tanya M. Baker**, Rideshare; **Denise Chang**, Airport Police; **Angie H. Hu**, Finance & Budget; **Sharon L. Jackson**, Finance & Budget; **Vicky Lit**, Financial Reporting; **Paula J. Miura**, Facilities Engineering; **Gaby Pacheco**, Community Relations; **Adriana P. Renteria**, Administration; **Genevieve Santiesteban**, Maintenance Services; **Mary E. Wall**, Administration; and **Jennifer Wong**, Finance & Budget.

# Volunteers Honored for Commitment to Service



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**EMPLOYEES HONORED**—Commitment to service aptly describes the 27 employees who volunteered throughout 2014 as part of the Team LAWA program. To acknowledge their service, volunteers were presented with certificates of appreciation, “thank you” gift bags, and a special round of applause from the Rotary Club of Inglewood, also a service organization. Pictured, front row from left: **Adriana Renteria**, Administration; **Anita Tan**, Information Management and Technology Group; **Jennifer Wong**, Finance & Budget; **Cynthia Darmasaputra**, Airport Operations; and **Michelle Irwin**, Airport Police. Back row, from left: **Gaby Pacheco**, Team LAWA coordinator; **Mel Cabral**, Information Management and Technology Group; **Tanya Baker**, Rideshare; **Vicky**

**Lit**, Financial Reporting; **Sharon Jackson**, Finance & Budget; **Denise Chang**, Airport Police; **Laura Chittum**, Board Office; and **Mary Albers**, Administration. Not pictured: **Michelle Acquah**, Financial Reporting; **Pam Cruz**, Construction Inspection; **Clariana Galharo**, **Wallicia Miller**, and **Nancy Mustard**, Community Relations; **Larry Genuth** and **Delia Haro**, Information Management and Technology Group; **Arinda (Susie) Gutierrez**, Airport Operations; **Angie Hu**, Finance & Budget; **William Haydt** and **Kim Somvongsiri**, Airports Development; **Paula Miura**, Facilities Engineering; **Georginnah Navarrete** and **Raquel Romo**, Commercial Development Group; and **Kaylee Smith**, Maintenance Services.

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## My Best Shot



**GOLDEN PAVILION**--Photo of this impressive structure was taken by **Harun Jafar**, an Auditor II in LAWA's Financial Reporting Division. Kinkakuji, also known as the Golden Pavilion, is a Zen temple in northern Kyoto, Japan, whose top two floors are completely covered with gold leaf. The temple was the retirement villa of the shogun Ashikaga Yoshimitsu and, according to his will, became a Zen temple after his death in 1408. The structure was built overlooking a large pond and is the only building left of Yoshimitsu's former retirement complex.