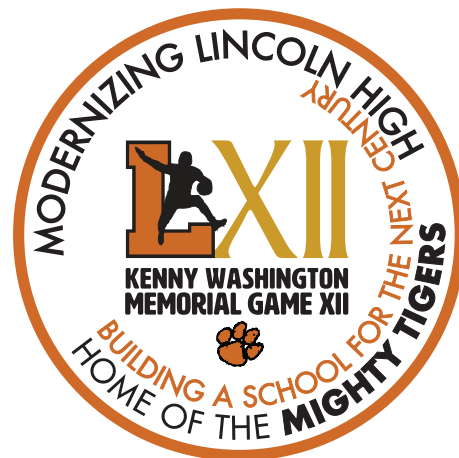




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Welcome to Kenny Washington Memorial Game XII. Once again we gather in honor of one of the greatest Tigers to ever wear the Orange & Black - our own Kenny Washington. We are proud of keeping his legacy alive for future generations of Tigers with our annual celebration.

This year's game presented unique challenges as Lincoln High began its transformation into a school for the next century. The next year or two of the school's modernization will be challenging to say the least. We'll all need to be patient as the rebuilding continues. A very special set of Thank You's this year goes to Principal Rose Anne Ruiz, Assistant Principal Kevin Murchie, and Athletic Director Jaime Oseguera. Their assistance in helping us put together this year's game in the midst of campus construction was invaluable.

We also have a special plateau to celebrate - we have now had over 200 jersey sponsors over the last 12 games who generously helped fund the throwback jerseys our Tigers proudly wear on the field for the Kenny Washington game. Their names are listed here in the game program. As you may know, our varsity players get to keep their jerseys as a memento of playing in this special game. Tonight, we throwback to the all-black jerseys of the 1937 Tigers. They were the first team to play at the "new" Lincoln High that was built after the original school located here on the hill was condemned following the 1933 Long Beach earthquake.

The Kenny Washington Game has always been a celebration of Tiger Spirit and the Foundation's motto from our earliest beginnings has been "One Family Forever". Tonight, we celebrate the passing of one of our most beloved family members: the iconic Ben Wadsworth, Jr.. Known to generations of Tigers as "Wads", he touched the lives of thousands of Lincoln students during his almost five decades as a teacher and advisor. Our game program is dedicated to his legacy. He will never be forgotten.

Thank you for joining us tonight and being a part of this yearly special gathering. Next week, we'll start thinking about next Fall's lucky Game XIII. We'll see you then.

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Kenny Washington Stadium Foundation

Remembering Ben Wadsworth, Jr.

David Durán for the Kenny Washington Stadium Foundation

It is with heavy hearts we pay tribute and remember our moments with the legendary Ben A. Wadsworth Jr.. Ben passed at age 80 during his sleep on the evening of September 9th, 2023. Few have left such an indelible mark to the degree of this man; considering the breadth and depth of his impact on tens of thousands within Lincoln Heights and across the State of California.

The only son of a music teacher, whom Ben adored, his “Momma Lu Watson” who established a prestigious career in education with the Barstow Unified School District. The highly respected and one time “Teacher of the Year” lived 102 years (1906-2008). Without question, she set a high standard for him and he more than lived up to the challenge.

As a young man, Ben enlisted into the United States Army National Guard as an Artilleryman and served his country proudly in and around his childhood neighborhood of Barstow. Though the Vietnam conflict raged on during his enlistment, he never deployed overseas like many of his friends and was eventually Honorably Discharged.

Soon after, Ben discovered what would be his first love and embarked on a life-long career as a teacher of the sciences. His love for organic chemistry was only rivaled by the joy in enriching the lives of young aspiring minds with an endless hunger to learn. The incredible journey he was destined for began and ended in the only place he would ever call home - the sacred grounds of Abraham Lincoln High School. It was a perfect marriage that would usher in a storied & distinguished legacy.

At Lincoln High School, Mr. Wadsworth, affectionately referred to as “Wads”, found a Tiger family that embraced him wholeheartedly. He reciprocated that adoration by dedicating much of his life to the polishing of countless diamonds in the rough, whether it be students, faculty or administrators during their time at Lincoln.

His teaching legacy would span decades, and though he didn't have any children of his own, his contribution to our school and community shall be everlasting because of the profound and far-reaching effect he had on the lives of countless students. Not only was he blessed with the uncanny ability to vividly recount a story to a classroom of students, but his greatest passions and priorities were keeping Tiger traditions alive and thriving from generation to generation.



Like a true chemist, he mastered the exact formula of mixture and ratios of elements in producing champions, through his nationally renowned Key and Keywanette Service Clubs or Cheerleading ensembles. Thousands of alumni reminisce walking the halls of LHS and envision the silhouette and echo of this mountain of a man's gleefully walk, sporting his signature pocket protector on his breast pocket, and the unmistakable jingle of his key ring!

In posterity, through his estate, Wads brilliantly set in place a mechanism to fulfill his dream of providing a pathway for higher learning to the youth of our community so it may endure for future generations. Countless future Tigers will benefit from his generosity through his endowment to the Lincoln Heights Dollars for Scholars organization. We owe Wads a rousing standing ovation for in his celestial state, he will eternally contribute to the rise of Tiger scholars!

It is befitting that on a night when we annually salute, honor and celebrate the magnificent luminaries that have been a part of the Lincoln High narrative over the years, we also celebrate the life of Ben Wadsworth, Jr. He was and will forever be, an iconic and beloved Lincoln High Tiger.

Rest in eternal peace Wads.

Shared Memories of Wads

Wads was Lincoln High School. In his own right, he was a celebrity of sorts, a dedicated teacher who students and teachers were drawn to because he was pretty much involved in everything! In looking back, I now realize just how selflessly he gave his time and energy to benefit the students. I have fond memories of Keywanettes, Student Council, and many student activities that he spearheaded or helped to make happen. It touched my heart that even in retirement, he helped to raise funds for student scholarships – I'm pleased to have a classic Tiger mug! So grateful to have had Wads as a teacher and mentor. He will forever be a symbol of Tiger Pride

Ann Marie Ramon LHS 1979

My memories of Wads— was that 1st of all he was everyone's favorite teacher. He really cared about his students. It was more than just a chemistry class. That was our hangout. Where we ate lunch and where we wanted to hangout after school. He genuinely liked being around us and cared about what we were doing after high school. Always encouraging us to go further. He brought us together. I have a lot of fond memories of high school because of Wads. I'll always be grateful that I was fortunate to have a teacher like Mr. Wadsworth. Thank you.

Xochitl Myles

He was a father figure that taught me a lot about my education and myself. I enjoyed playing Dungeness and Dragons with his computer. My high school years were full of memories from Key Club and Student Body Vice President. Time passed fast because Wads was a special educator. I miss our weekly chats that we had 3 times a week. Wads, I miss you my friend. Thank you for my mugs and cheer magnets.

Maria Hester LHS 1986

Wads, you kept my interest in the sciences going. Your friendship and support through my college years directed me to my career. Your dedication to helping us see the best in everyone was infectious. Thank you for all these years, thank you for your friendship. Thank you for encouraging us to not be afraid to think differently than others and to embrace those values which we individually hold. I try to share these values everyday in my work and to continue to think "outside of the box". Rest In Peace, your job is done.

Edward Arias LHS 1974

Wads was a true mentor not only to myself but to many students. He will mostly be remembered for being patient and understanding those of us who sometimes struggled with our education and for always believing in his students. You finished the race, Wads. Thank you for all you did and your dedication to LHS tigers. May you be resting in eternal peace.

Lupe Durazo LHS 1978

Ben Wadsworth is one of the most influential teachers in Lincoln High history. He was a respectful, trustworthy, honest and genuine person. Ben Wadsworth was my friend and mentor. He touched my life in all positive and wonderful ways. I became the person I am today because of his unconditional love and support. He gave his life to those around him and we are all better people for it. Rest in peace Wads. Love you.

Stephanie Arias LHS 1979

Mr. Wadsworth exemplified what a true and dedicated teacher was. I thank him for always being a great educator and mentor. Sleep well Ben.

Ray Cruz LHS 1979

There are too many memories to list. Wads was my best support and mentor. And he was always happily available and willing to help. From assurance and science teaching talks when I was a teacher, thoughts about student discipline while I was a Dean, and LHS expert when I was Assistant Principal. Ben was always there. We worked together on many projects for positive student experiences. When equipment failed for events, find Ben. Need student help, call Ben. Run out of something during an open house? See Ben. Ben knew where everything was, and how to best make things the best they could be. Ben was the heart of Lincoln. He will always be part of our collective Tiger soul.

Jean Mueller LHS Faculty 1981-2007

Mr. Wads Thank you for all you did. Even after graduating 30 plus years later you still made time to make mugs for former students. In 1992, I was in need of helium for balloons and you allowed me to use the helium to blow up balloons for my moms birthday. You will be missed.

Kathleen Crowley

Wads was funny and made his class interesting. He was always there for students. He was a great teacher and mentor to all students.

Joyce G. LHS 2005

Wads was more than a Chemistry teacher or Key Club and Keywanettes Adviser, he was a person that made a difference by educating students on life skills during those high school years. He taught me table etiquette at monthly Kiwanis lunches, negotiation skills with vendors during the planning of senior prom, and communication and speaking techniques while chairing Keywanette meetings and attending conventions, and how to graciously acknowledge others while accepting awards. He was a man of high ethics who cared and selflessly gave of his time to prepare his students for future success. He truly exemplified the role of an educator.

Ellen Lee LHS 1982

You were always so protective of us and generous. I remember you'd drive us to cheer competitions when our parents couldn't and you'd take us to eat after. Thank You for the recommendation letter and believing in me. You made this world a better place.

Elena Lam LHS 1991

In 1978 we went to a Key Club Convention in Anaheim. Wads surprised us kids by treating us to Disneyland the day before we left the convention. I'll remember that beautiful and generous gesture as long as I live. They say people only die when they are forgotten. Wads will never be forgotten as he is survived by THOUSANDS of students that he loved as his own. Just like me, we cannot think of our precious and beautiful time at LHS without him coming to mind. Thank you Dear Wads for truly loving us students, as your love was unconditional, constant and definitely made a difference in our young lives.

Denise Guevara Gonzalez LHS 1980

Wads, thank you for your kind, sweet nature and for always making me feel as if you indeed remembered me. Thank you for all the support you have given us over the years. You will be missed. RIP

Delores Seiffert LHS 1971

Friend/Mentor/Advisor. Nobody kept the wheels turning like Wads. Involved in every behind-the-scenes aspect of Lincoln and then some. He was passionate about getting things done right and even extra for his kids that he considered family. I owe you so much, Wads - for 30+ years we had many talks about courage and shaking things up and sharing honest perspectives on just about anything. Above and beyond doesn't seem adequate to describe his commitment. On behalf of my Family and the many students who owe you so much, "THANK YOU!" Rest well.

Johnny Guzman LHS 1991

I taught with Ben Wadsworth at Lincoln High until he retired in 2009. After that, I had the privilege to work with Ben on the Board of Lincoln Heights Dollars for Scholars until he passed this year. Ben had been very sick in recent years, but he continued his charity work. He was devoted to his parents and dedicated his life and career to Lincoln High students. Ben was a great supporter of scholarships. He was very generous and loyal to students and friends. He gave immeasurable hours to support school activities.

Buck Wong LHS Faculty 1982 - 2011

Your passion for teaching and your dedication inspired me and many students. You will forever be remembered.

Mayra Conde LHS 2000

We last spoke in July 2023 when Mr. Wadsworth called about this year's DFS event. We chatted; he was managing, getting medical treatment every few days. Rewind to 1971, he was my chemistry teacher, and physics in 1972. Then, he recalled being in the national guard reserve driving tanks in the Barstow desert. Some of us would hang out after school in the 700 science building with him, e.g. me, Tim Morishita, Frank Wada, Sandra Palacios, and Alva Rivera. He threw me a surprise birthday party. He attended my theatre arts production at Inner City Cultural Center via drama teacher Mr. Rodermel. He visited our HS reunions and KIT via emails. With tremendous school spirit to the end, thanks Wads!

Richard Kato LHS 1972

Mr Wadsworth definitely was a die hard Tiger as most of us are . Wads saw our school spirit and also saw the potential students had to achieve goals and work as team and family doing it . He will always be a legend in our minds . Thank you for bringing out the best in all of us and all your generosity. See you at the CROSSROADS WADS!

Annie Bonilla LHS 1980

Wads was a Father-figure: gentleman, one of a kind, Intelligent, kind-hearted, wise, historian, warm-hearted, to say the least! My Mother was extremely strict, but she trusted Wads to look over my sisters, brother and me; even to the point of going on school-related trips. Wads influenced much of everything in preparing me for adulthood, community, college, leadership, most of all: high self esteem. He nicknamed me "Brat" and as loving as I felt by him, I always knew Wads had an ear & shoulder for me, he was also straightforward to tell me that I was in the wrong! Wads gave me his blessings to marry Luis! Wads, you are a blessing & forever in my heart! R.I.P.

Sonia Puente-Ontiveros LHS 1991

I will never forget Wads as the "Keymaster" of Lincoln High School! He must have carried the keys for every single door and lock at Lincoln. You could always count on Wads to open any door when needed. Thank you Wads for your dedication to all of your students. Thank you for taking the time to call me not so long ago. We had such a good chat. Rest in Peace Wads. Pray for those of us still fighting the good fight. Dios te bendiga!

Gloria Morales Castañeda LHS 1978

I would like to reiterate my thanks to Mr. Wadsworth for my alumni LHS mug which his only requirement in lieu of payment was to make a donation to his chosen charity which I was happy to make for him. What a man of honor! We were fortunate to have him!

Yvonne Sandoval

Fond memories of the Chemistry Room. My constant interaction with Ben Wadsworth from the beginning of my Lincoln High School experience till graduation, and WELL beyond into my adult life, has made a significant and memorable impact on my life. Thank God for "Wads"...what a guy!! RIP my dear friend...I will surely miss you.

Henry Sanchez LHS 1974

Met Wads when I joined key club and Keywanettes. Linda Alviti introduced me to the coolest chemistry teacher. He made me, a lonely nerd, feel at home. There was never a day that his classroom wasn't filled with students. He made my high school years unforgettable.

Thank you Wads

Leticia Padilla LHS 1983

In "B4" where all the cheerleading magic happened.... a fond memory was staying late nights to make silk screened cheer shirts as well as making football break-through posters with the overhead projector.

Camille Grijalva LHS 1993

Mr. Wadsworth was a dedicated teacher who was an extraordinary and a great human. He was a role model for all kids at LHS. The world was a better place because of him. R.I.P.

Dolores Romero-Stewart LHS 1987

Wads understood the beauty in volunteering and being involved in the community. He instilled in me the love of community. Rest in eternal peace Wads!

Liliana Garcia (Rascon) LHS 1989

May God keep you Wads; and may your Soul rest in eternal peace - I know you were ready to join your loved ones in Glory. Please give Momma Luteva a heart-felt Tiger embrace on my behalf!!! A legendary man...we were blessed to have you for decades, and know your impact on countless lives shall be everlasting!!! Big "Dub" you are truly one of a kind and the complete embodiment of Selfless Service and the epitome of Tiger Pride!!! Immense love and admiration for you, my beloved Teacher, Mentor and Friend...until we meet again in Tiger Heaven!!!

David Durán LHS 1989

Wads was my cheer advisor, student government teacher, biology teacher and Leadership teacher. Because of him, I am in a leadership role at work. He also recruited me to serve as a member of the Lincoln Heights Neighborhood Council. Thank you Wads for all you did and all that you will continue to do through your donations for the Dollars for Scholars! Rest in peace papi Wads!

Cindy Puente LHS 1990

Wads was my chemistry teacher and cheer sponsor. He was like a father to me. Always giving me life advice that I treasure till this day. He encouraged me to continue with my studies. He believed in me even when I doubted my own self worth. He was there when I needed a shoulder to cry on. He was there to cheer me on, to feed me before football games, to support my dreams of going to college. Even after graduating from high school he always inquired about me and kept up with my life. He was an amazing person and I will miss him dearly. I will always remember him with fondness.

Norma Figueroa LHS 1988

While I was the neighborhood council president, Ben Wadsworth was my Vice president and help me navigate through my time in the neighborhood council, he also was good friend of my moms Esther Rosas and was also vice president during her time as president of the neighborhood council. We will miss him dearly, Lincoln Heights lost a great leader.

Nanci Rosas LHS 1984

Wads was my cheer advisor and mentor from 2007-2010 and made a big impact in my life and the rest of the girls who cheered while he served as advisor. He dedicated entire afternoons, weekends, and monetary resources towards our success all in hopes of seeing us "make it." His guidance didn't end when we graduated, Wads kept in communication with me as well as many others through the years following his retirement and continued providing guidance and support, especially in academics. To me Wads more than just a teacher, advisor, or mentor, he was family.

Karina Garcia-Guillen LHS 2010

Few have had an impact on my life like you. You were my teacher, my advisor, my colleague and most importantly, my friend. I will never forget our long phone calls where we shared thoughts about Lincoln High and the neighborhood. Above all else, you exemplified being a gentleman and a gentle man. The compassion and genuine care you showed for students knew no boundaries. The acts of kindness and respect to all who crossed your path were straight from your heart. If there is ever a Mount Rushmore of Lincoln High teachers, you're on it Wads before anyone else. Your impact on the lives of thousands of students from our community will never be matched. Ever. Rest in eternal peace my friend. I'll see you on the other side.

Stephen Sariñana-Lampson LHS 1975

Thank you Wads, for being a very special human being and teacher to the students of Lincoln high. I have good memories of Key Club and ESP. God Bless You.

David Orona

In Senior year, I hit a rough patch that went on for a number of years. Wads noticed and pulled me aside. In his calm and non-judgemental demeanor, he reminded me that I mattered and that I would figure it out. I didn't see him for quite a while, but when we reconnected a few years back he pulled me aside and said, "I told you that you would figure it out". He proceeded to remind me that as a Teacher, I had a great responsibility to my community. Wads, I could never fill your shoes. Rest in peace dear friend and former teacher.

Miguel Casillas LHS 1982

Rarely does a teacher of such breath and commitment of service come along to enhance the lives of students. Wads was a mentor to many of his students as he provided a guiding path, instilled leadership qualities, and confidence to reach potential. During his many years at Lincoln High, he not only provided knowledge as a vehicle to college but also selflessly bought tickets, food and supplies, paid for tests and college admission forms, transportation to venues and colleges, but most of all, provided a school safe haven for at-risk and honor youth alike. Wads was deeply committed to improving the lives of his students. You will be greatly missed Wads!

Felipe Casillas Community Member

Remember him always greeting all students in the morning.

Martha Ramirez LHS 1986

When at one of the worst times of my life, Wads found out. He didn't have to do anything, but he called me, gave me words of encouragement, & continued checking on me. My crying soon turned to laughter as he would stay on the phone with me until I felt better. He was not the person that one would think I'd turn to, but he was exactly that. I am saddened by his loss & the community lost an exceptional human being. I'm so honored to have known him & will forever be grateful for his friendship.

Yvette Ancira-Lucio Community Member

Wads was a dedicated teacher & friend to many LHS students. A teacher you could always count on. I remember our ESP trips & he was always trying to help us open our minds to the beautiful world around us. He will be missed. A True Tiger!

Vickie Munoz LHS 1974

My memory of Mr. Wads is him walking the hallways always with a smile greeting everyone that passed him. It made a difference in my day.

Martha Ramirez LHS 1986

An extremely important part of my life . Mr.Ben A. Wadsworth Jr. Such a great teacher and mentor to learn and follow in his great foot steps . I remember him teaching me biology and then later having me teach the subject to my peers . I was shown how he believed in me as student to teach such a good size classroom full students . Ben Wadsworth Jr. was a JEWEL of a teacher who lead by great example. Thank you for giving me the opportunity to help out as a young student . You will always hold a place in many of US Tigers n Tigettes HEARTS. REST EASY MR. Ben A Wadsworth Jr. TILL WE MEET AGAIN !

Debbie Sinohue LHS 1982

I had the pleasure of speaking with Wads the day before he passed. I could tell in his voice that he was having difficulty speaking and expressing his many thoughts as all our prior calls. Ben gave all his heart to Lincoln, the community, and the Lincoln Heights Dollars for Scholars. He frequently transported so many students to Key Club and Keywanettes events and cheerleading conferences. Wads drove me to college as my family did not understand the need to go away to college. I know he did that for many. He leaves a legacy no other teacher has for Lincoln. It is a legacy which will continue to service students in the future. Ben was best known as Mr. Lincoln High School, the only teacher that had every key for the school, not even the principal or janitors had every key to all the buildings. For all that Wads did, I only ask everyone to pay it forward if the opportunity arises. Let Wads look down and see how well he taught us all

Carla Ramirez LHS 1977

2023 Lincoln High School Varsity Football Team

Head Coach: Gabriel Cotero

Athletic Director: Jaime Oseguera

1	Jacob Gomez	QB, CB	So.	5'5"	140	28	Alex Phung	WR	So.	5'5"	130
2	Jacob Velasco	RB, CB	Sr.	5'7"	155	44	Angel Fernandez	OL, DL	So.	5'8"	210
3	Eathan Luna	DB, RB	So.	5'6"	135	50	Deejay Bolder	OL, DL	Sr.	6'0"	206
4	Gabriel Rico	DB, WR	Sr.	5'7"	150	51	Mario De La Rosa	G, MLB	Sr.	5'10"	220
5	Jaime Gamino	DB, WR	Sr.	5'8"	135	52	Rylan Lucio	C, MLB	Sr.	5'11"	175
7	Daron Cotton	RB, FS	Sr.	5'11"	165	54	Aaron Perez				
8	Anthony Ochoa	OLB, WR	Sr.	5'5"	160	55	Nathaniel Luna	DL, OL	Sr.	5'11"	275
9	Giovanni Bautista	RB, LB	Sr.	5'9"	165	60	Leo Ambrovenicius	DL, OL	So.	5'8"	225
10	Andrew Ayon	WR, DB	So.	5'6"	145	61	Raymond Baez		So.	5'10"	195
11	Joshua Sosa	WR, FS	Sr.	5'7"	130	62	Darrell Ortiz		So.	5'10"	206
12	Marvin Gomez	WR	Jr.	5'9"	173	64	Adrian Castellanos	OL, DL	Sr.	5'7"	200
14	Freddy Garcia					70	Dominic Tejada	OL, DL	Jr.		
15	Jorge Chavez	WR, DB	Sr.			71	Justin Luna	G, DT	Sr.	6'0"	240
18	Justin Cain					72	Aldahir Arroyo	DL, OL	Sr.	5'10"	250
20	Kenneth Brown	RB, OLB	Jr.	6'1"	195	74	Brandon Rangel		Sr.	5'7"	195
22	Luis Garcia	LB, RB	Sr.	5'5"		76	Andres Trujillo	T, DT	Sr.	6'3"	280
26	Emmanuel Pirul	OLB, DE	Sr.	5'11"	192	77	Ricardo Murrillo				
27	Dominick Robledo	WR, S	So.	5'8"	139	78	Christofer Zamarripa	G	Sr.	6'0"	289



All Hail To Lincoln

Music by Louis W. Curtis/Words by Agnes E. Peterson
(Written and first performed in 1916)

**All hail! All hail! To Lincoln, hail!
Hail, Alma Mater true!
Throned on thy heights that upward reach
To skies of cloudless blue.
Our hearts beat warm in loyalty,
Our love shall never fail;
To thee, in praise our song we raise,
All hail, to Lincoln, hail!**



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