

# 8<sup>TH</sup> GRADE OL BRIDGE STAFF TRAINING

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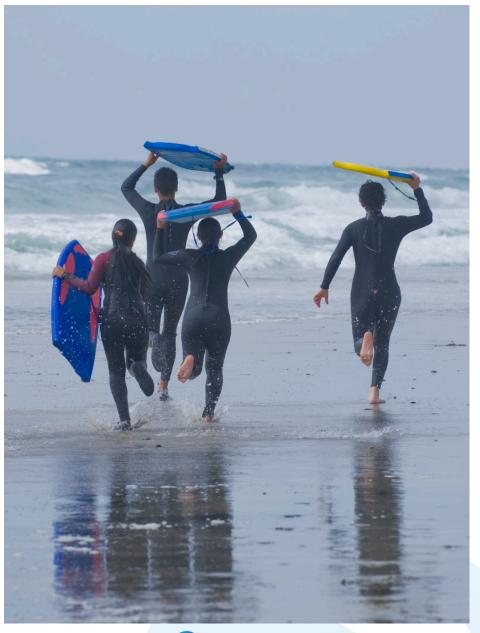
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#### PROGRAM FOUNDATION: GOALS



Our Leaders Initiative is our most intensive tier, and offers young people, who want to do more, the opportunity to do more, as they progress on their pathway from 8<sup>th</sup> grade through college and beyond. By pairing rigorous science programming and experiences with college and career support services, this initiative aims to develop young people into science and conservation leaders who make a difference in their community and our world.

This initiative offers two tracks – Ocean Leaders, which provides ongoing scientific research experiences, and Discovery Fellows, which provides science and conservation-based work experiences. An individual can participate in one or both tracks.



**Fig. 5.** Our Leaders Initiative grows leaders in STEM through participation in authentic research, development of practical work skills, and provision of critical tools, enabling our students to fulfill their potential, and to LEAD transformation in their community and our world.

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#### **OCEAN LEADERS**

The Leaders Initiative model demonstrates 2 pathways in the program. This program focuses on the pathway of Ocean Leaders, and this is part of the program that will build research experience for these students.

#### **Leaders Initiative**

The Leaders Initiative is the most intensive initiative and is designed to enable young people to become leaders in science & conservation. This initiative builds upon other initiatives, while providing an opportunity to practice soft skills and learn practical tools for their next step. In addition, during critical transitions in their pathway fellows have 1x1 mentoring and connections to opportunities through their professional networks. Participants in the Leaders Initiative interface with org leadership.

Individuals can participate in 1 or both pathways.

#### **Pathway 1: Ocean Leaders**

Programming focus is on research experience.
Participants commit to 4+ years.

#### Pathway 2: Discovery Fellows

Programming focus is on professional experience.

Participants commit to a term or a year.



#### **OCEAN LEADERS: RECRUITMENT**

We actively recruit students from the 8<sup>th</sup> grade class through a series of applications, and student and family interviews where we assess diversity, demonstrated potential, and ability. The diagram below, outlines this process:

# Reflect the **diversity** of our community.

We have matched the demographics of our community.

#### **Application**

Student demographics.

# Have **demonstrated potential**.

As determined by our "Potential Index" which measures: curiosity, resilience, perseverance, interpersonal skills

#### **Student Interview**

Focus on curiosity and resilience.

# Student and Family Interview

Focus on perseverance and interpersonal skills.

#### Have proven **ability**.

Proven ability in math.

Commitment to the Community
Initiative.

#### **Application**

Math track and behavior.

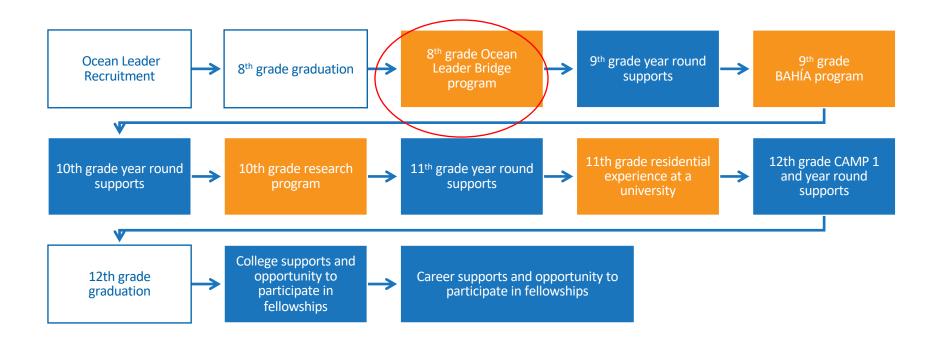
No conflicting commitments.

Commitment to the Community Initiative.

Need for special services.

Citizenship/ able to travel.

#### **OCEAN LEADERS: PATHWAY**



- = LI intensive summer programs
- Year round supports including Academic Achievement, tutoring, field trips, college and career trips.

#### OCEAN LEADERS: BUILDING RESEARCH EXPERIENCE

Through these intensive summer programs, students progressively build the knowledge and skills to build research experience. In the Ocean Leader Bridge program, we are focusing on learning and understanding the basics of the Science Discovery Process.

In the 8<sup>th</sup> grade program, students learn and understand the basics of the Science Discovery Process

In the 9<sup>th</sup> grade program, students gain first hand experience with field research In the 10<sup>th</sup> grade program, students follow a single field project through the Science Discovery Process. In the 11<sup>th</sup> grade program, students translate these skills to a lab setting, gaining new expertise and comfort.

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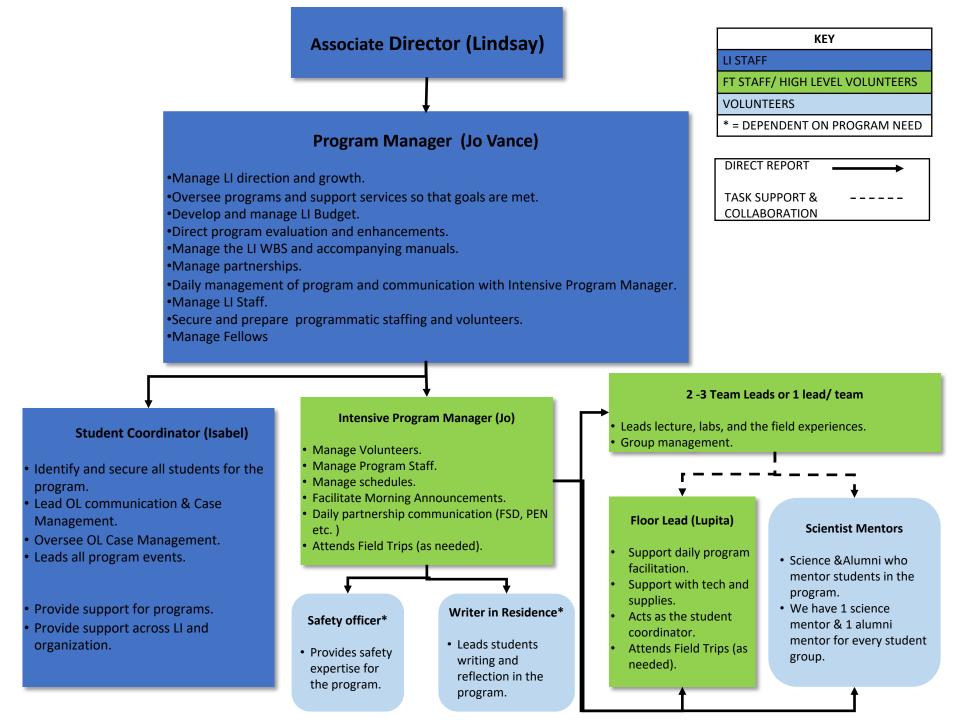
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#### **SUMMER CALENDAR**

Session 1. OL Bridge

7/12 to 7/23

Session 2. OL Bridge

8/16 to 8/27

| Shift | Dates        |  |
|-------|--------------|--|
| 1     | 7/12 to 7/14 |  |
| 2     | 7/15 to 7/17 |  |
| 3     | 7/18 to 7/20 |  |
| 4     | 7/21 to 7/23 |  |

| Shift | Dates        |  |
|-------|--------------|--|
| 1     | 8/16 to 8/18 |  |
| 2     | 8/19 to 8/21 |  |
| 3     | 8/22 to 8/24 |  |
| 4     | 8/25 to 8/27 |  |

<sup>\*</sup> LI Intensive Summer Programs are organized into shifts so that Science Mentors can come in for 3 program days.

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### LI DAILY SCHEDULE

| Start Time | Start Time End Time Activity       |                           |  |
|------------|------------------------------------|---------------------------|--|
| 9:00AM     | 9:45AM Community Building Activity |                           |  |
| 9:45AM     | 12:15PM                            | Morning Activity:<br>Labs |  |
| 12:15PM    | 12:30PM                            | Chores                    |  |
| 12:30PM    | 1:00PM                             | Lunch                     |  |
| 1:00PM     | 2:00PM                             | Reflection                |  |

All volunteers arrive at 9am and depart after lunch at 1pm.

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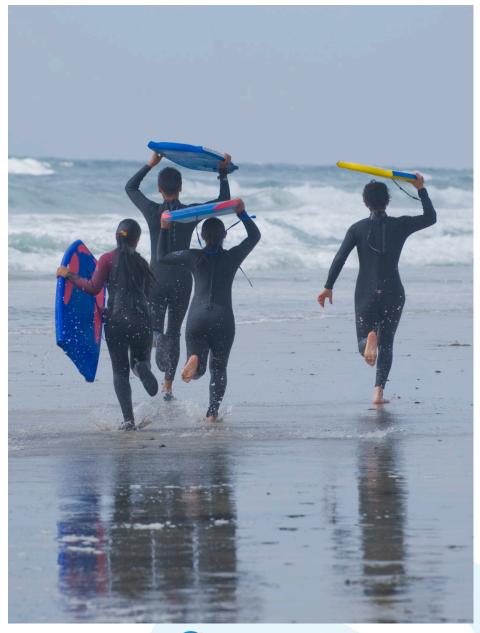
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### DAY IN THE LIFE OF A VOLUNTEER

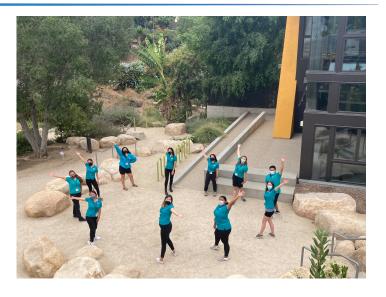
- 1. Check-in and be greeted by the IPM.
- 2. Check-in at reception & complete COVID-19 screening.
- 3. If it's the first day you will receive a volunteer polo and name badge.
- 4. Store your items in a volunteer locker.





### DAY IN THE LIFE OF A VOLUNTEER

- 5. Meet your instructor!
- 6. Participate in the day's program alongside the students.
- 7. After the morning program, volunteers will have lunch with the students.





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### DAY IN THE LIFE OF A STAFF

- 1. Check-in and be greeted by the IPM.
- 2. Check-in at reception & complete COVID-19 screening.
- 3. If it's the first day you will receive a name badge.
- 4. Store your items in your locker.





### DAY IN THE LIFE OF A STAFF

- 5. Begin to set-up your teaching space.
- 6. Collect your supplies needed for the day.
- 7. Greet your mentors when they arrive.
- 8. Teach a great lesson and facilitate positive mentor-mentee interactions. Lead all components of the day.
- 9. Eat lunch with students.
- 10. Clean up teaching space, shared items, and place all supplies back in storage.







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### **GROUPS FOR OL BRIDGE SESSION 1**

Students in each LI intensive summer program will be divided into groups.

This summer we will have 2 groups that will have 1 Lead.

Over the course of the program we will have 4 shifts of Science Mentors that will join each group.



#### Shara Shift 1 •Dr. Drew Talley Jose Zuniga Shift 2 •Rose Do Hiba Reyes Shift 3 Stefanie Lehner Carolina Barraza Shift 4 Alexa Labaun Mathew Mitchel

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### **PROGRAM SYLLABUS**









San Diego, California



Students will... BELIEVE:

ACHIEVE:

LEAD:

Thursday, July 1, 5:00p-6:00p- Launch Night

permanent obstacles;

process; and

that they can make a difference.

positive academic performance

• Learn more about the high school pathway of an Ocean Leader

they can recognize and do science, and that science is import · challenges can be opportunities to learn and grow, rather the

· science, in its many forms, has relevance for their lives; and

· improved understanding of scientific concepts and the scient

by taking the necessary steps to pursue and obtain a career i · by taking opportunities to use science to make a difference; participating as servant leaders and mentors.

· Students receive supplies for program, last minute reminders and team announcements

July 12th - July 23rd: Program Days in San Diego (9am - 2pm)

• Students will investigate marine biology, meet scientists, and con hands-on science at the Living Lab and coast

July 23rd: Family Celebration at the Living Lab



| Start Time | End Time | Activity           |  |
|------------|----------|--------------------|--|
| 8:45AM     | 9:00AM   | Arrive             |  |
| 9:00AM     | 9:45AM   | Community Building |  |
| 9:45AM     | 12:15PM  | Science Labs       |  |
| 12:15PM    | 12:30PM  | Chores             |  |
| 12:30PM    | 1:00PM   | Lunch              |  |
| 1:00 PM    | 2:00 PM  | PEN Reflection     |  |



#### Program Timeline for the Ocean Leader Bridge Program

| *** |      |  |  |
|-----|------|--|--|
|     | Date | Science Labs<br>(9:45am-12:15pm)                                   | Tools for Success (TFS)<br>(1:00pm – 2:00pm) |
|     | 7/12 | Meet Your Ocean Discovery Family<br>Ocean Leader Challenge         | Reflection: Introduction                     |
|     | 7/13 | Meet Your Ocean Discovery Home<br>Living Lab Tour & Scavenger Hunt | Reflection: Writing                          |
|     | 7/14 | What are Invertebrates?<br>Field Trip to the Tidepools             | Reflection: Writing                          |
|     | 7/15 | Invertebrate Adaptations<br>Invertebrate Experiment                | Reflection: Writing                          |
|     | 7/16 | Invertebrate Conservation<br>Local Canyon Restoration              | Reflection: Writing                          |
|     | 7/17 | What are Fishes? Dissection of Bony Fish and Sharks                | Reflection: Writing                          |
|     | 7/18 | Fish Adaptations<br>Field Trip to Birch Aquarium                   | Reflection: Writing                          |
|     | 7/19 | Fish Conservation Field Trip to Living Coast Discovery Center      | Reflection: Final Reflection                 |
|     | 7/20 | What are Marine Mammals?<br>Investigate Marine Mammals             | Reflection: Peer Review                      |
|     | 7/21 | Marine Mammal Adaptations Discover Marine Mammal Adaptations       | Reflection: Final Editing                    |
|     | 7/22 | Marine Mammal Conservation DNA & Biodiversity                      | Reflection: Review of Edits                  |
|     | 7/23 | Practical Exam<br>Final Preparations for Practical                 | Reflection: Practice Reading                 |

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### **SCIENCE CURRICULUM**

Most recently updated version can be found on the portal.

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#### **COMMUNITY AGREEMENTS**

#### **BE SAFE**

What do I do to make sure students, community members, and staff feel seen, heard, and valued?

#### BE RESPECTFUL

What do I do to demonstrate my authentic and unwavering belief in our students and community?

#### BE YOUR BEST SELF

What do I do to model self-management, social norms, and leadership?

#### **BE CURIOUS**

What do I do to meet the community where its at?

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#### **COMMUNITY BUILDING**

The purpose of Community Building is to build culture and connection in the group, and it begins from the moment students step into the building and science programming begins. The diagram below identifies the components of Community Building and what that looks like for all participants.

# Food and Conversation

Good food.

Intentional conversation.

Students, staff, volunteers participate.

### **Activity**

Safe sharing topics. What is your favorite...

Movement and stretching.

Meditation, One-Breath.

#### Information

Schedule

Introductions and Appreciation

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Tools for Success: Reflection





We define "Reflection" as actively exploring and sharing ones thoughts and feelings in order to realize the impact of an experience. Through reflection, Ocean Leaders will:

- build a culture and practice of self-reflection that elevates their voices.
- discover personal stories of compassion, humanity, and empathy to make a difference in the world.
- foster belief, achievement, and leadership.

Each year Ocean Leaders work to complete a final published work.

- 8<sup>th</sup>-10<sup>th</sup> grade students will publish a paperback "chap book".
- 11<sup>th</sup> grade students will publish a reflection book and present their final reflections at the RTC.

Reflection is present in our programs through both **self-reflection and process reflection**.

Through self-reflection students will:

Build a culture and practice of selfreflection that elevates their voices.

Discover personal stories of compassion, humanity, and empathy to make a difference in the world.

Foster belief, achievement, and leadership.

Through process reflection students will:

Recognize their own learning.

Engage in a practice that allows for connection of learning to prior knowledge.

Understand the connection of concepts and apply them to real world examples.

| Program Roles            |  |
|--------------------------|--|
| Amy, Writer in Residence | Create curriculum and writing prompts. Facilitate introductions to program days virtually. Assist with reviewing video content.                  |
| Program Instructors      | Facilitate transition and introduction to reflection time. Connect with Amy on Zoom daily. Assign fellows to reflection groups. Mentor students. |
| Jo                       | Support program. Collect feedback. Facilitate video editing and collect program deliverables.  |

| Start Time | End Time | Activity                          |
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| 9:00AM     | 9:15AM   | Community Building<br>Activity    |
| 9:15AM     | 12:00PM  | Morning Activity:<br>Labs         |
| 12:00PM    | 12:15PM  | Chores                            |
| 12:15PM    | 12:45PM  | Lunch                             |
| 12:45PM    | 1:00PM   | Drive                             |
| 1:00PM     | 2:00PM   | Tools for Success .<br>Reflection |

#### Within the 12 days of programs:

- 7 days are focused on writing
- 4 days are for the editing process
- 1 presentation day

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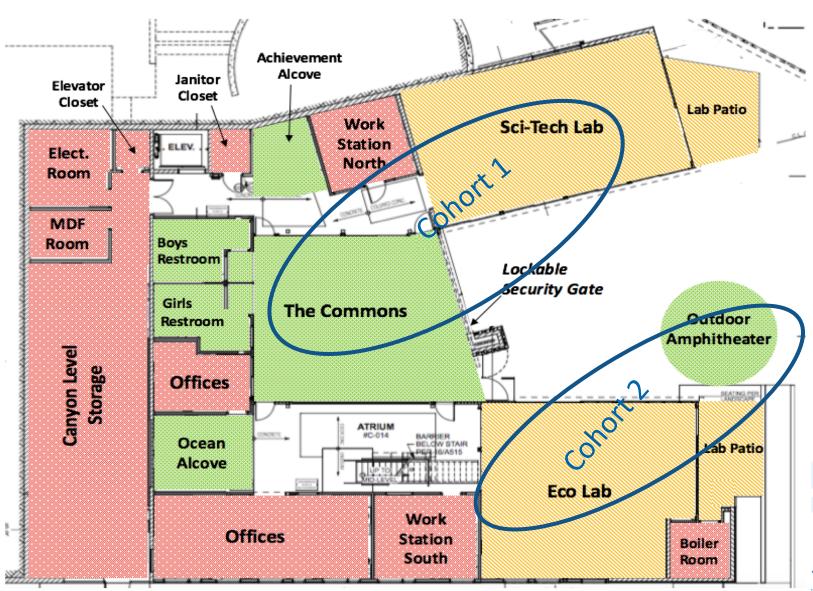
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#### LIVING LAB USE BY PROGRAMS



### **SET-UP AND CLEAN-UP**

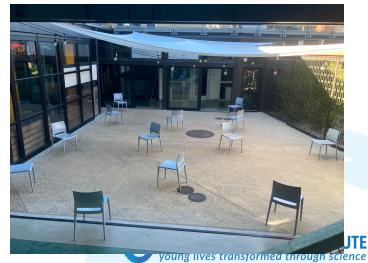
Eco Lab default setting





Sci-Tech Lab default setting





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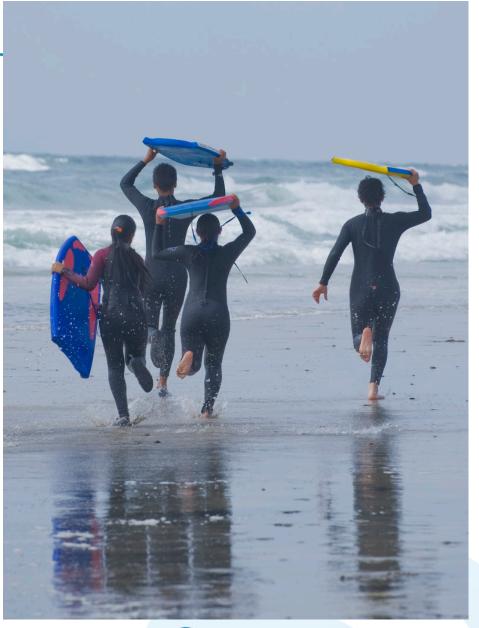
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### **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

Daily:

- Remind students to bring their polo.
- Preview the next day's curriculum.
- Once chores are complete students please wait to be dismissed.
   We will call you when your parents have arrived to pick you up.

Instructors and Fellows can make other announcements as needed

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#### **DAILY CHORES**

Bring up PPT slide with tasks on the screen
 Everyone:
 Clean-up personal area and supply bin
 Clean personal chair inside the Lab
 Sanitize bins
 Volunteers (2-3):
 Sweep outdoor classroom
 Trash pick-up outside of the courtyard
 Begin to play chores play list
 Lead students through clean-up

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#### PROTOCOL: AWARDS

#### PROGRAM AWARDS PRESENTATION (END OF PROGRAMS)

|  |  | Throughout the | week: |
|--|--|----------------|-------|
|--|--|----------------|-------|

- All staff will make sure to take note of exceptional things the students do throughout the week.
- The intent is to celebrate students that acknowledges their growth and accomplishments in an authentic and sincere way.

#### Thursdays:

- o Instructors will facilitate an award meeting on Thursday before the last day of program.
- Awards will be hashtags to go along with the PEN reflection theme and be given to each individual student.
- o Assign a staff or fellow to present the award
- Designate one fellow to take notes of each award and 3-4 talking points for every student.
  - Email completed notes to Lupita for printing, include the rest of the teaching team for them to refer back to.

#### Fridays:

- o Pick-up student certificates from Lupita prior to the program.
- The student awards will be presented during the family celebration.
- Award presentation tips:
  - Presentation should be high energy and celebratory.
  - Start with the phrase "This Adventurer..." or "This Ocean Leader..." followed by descriptions of what the student has accomplished throughout the week (refer back to email sent previous evening).
  - As you present, approach where the student is sitting (with appropriate safety distance) for the reveal and to be able to pass the student their certificate.
  - Ending with "This award goes to ...!"
  - Start the applause.





### THANK YOU.

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