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OCEAN LEADER BIOS

Intro to Research 2023

DIEGO A.



- Favorite subject is math
- Hobbies: playing video games
- Hoover involvement: Avenues for success
- Favorite pet: cat
- Favorite birthday cake is tres leches
- Clicks with female friends more than male
- Serious face, inner excitement
- Demonstrates emotion when he is upset, sad or non-interested
- Great student and family commitment, 5 siblings

BELEN A.



- Favorite subject is math
- Wants a career in business, criminal law or psychology
- Wants to work for the FBI
- Hobbies: Soccer, art
- Hoover involvement: Girls varsity soccer, Avenues for Success, Price Scholars
- Favorite animal is a leopard gecko
- Enjoys chocolate brownies
- Strong leader with potential to do more, can come off shy but asks great questions when has the opportunity
- Encourages Javier Sotelo
- Her mom is her best friend

DATNELI A.



- Favorite subject is English
- Wants to work with animals
- Hobbies: Drawing, doing make-up
- Hoover involvement: Avenues for Success, Garden Club, YMCA Club
- Favorite ocean animal is a turtle
- Siblings with Nalleli Arriaga (staff)
- Shy, takes time to get comfortable, makes jokes
- Heavy family involvement

DHALIA A.



- Favorite subject is History
- Wants a career in Family Medicine
- Hobbies: Doing make-up, music, singing, gardening
- Hoover involvement: Avenues for Success, YMCA Club, Garden Club
- Dislikes photos
- Her social anxiety can get in the way of participating in activities, does not like to be the center of attention
- Struggles academically, is seeking 1-1 support
- Siblings with Nalleli Arriaga (staff)

KATHERINE A.



- Favorite subject is math
- Wants to study Engineering and Marine Biology
- Goal is to become an Engineer
- Hobbies: Painting, music, archery, basketball, track, cross country, calligraphy, fishing with dad, helps parents cater events
- Hoover involvement: Avenues for Success, girls varsity basketball, track, cross country, Aaron Price Fellows
- Favorite animal is the mahi mahi, oceanic white tip shark, eagle
- Favorite birthday cake is carrot
- High achieving, strong leader



CARLOS B.

- Favorite subject is math
- Wants a career in architect
- Hobbies: Soccer, track
- Hoover involvement: Young Life Camp, Soccer
- Favorite animal is a lizard
- Prefers speaking Spanish, challenges with English

ALEXANDRA C.



- Favorite subject is math
- Hobbies: Reading, drawing, listening to music
- Hoover involvement
Avenues for Success
- Favorite ocean animal is a dolphin
- Favorite cake is red velvet
- Soft, kind, strong
commitment, high
achieving
- Siblings with Valeria C
(incoming Ocean Leader)

CESAR G.



- Favorite subject is math
- Wants to be an NFL Football player
- Hobbies: Football, track, weight lifting
- Hoover involvement: Track, Football, 7x7
- Favorite ocean animal is a shark
- Siblings with Benny (Alumn)
- Enjoys having conversations about football with adults
- Struggles to be part of a group, isolates himself

JASMINE R.



- Favorite subject at school is Intro to Engineering
- Wants a career in engineering and architecture
- Hobbies: Volleyball & soccer
- Hoover involvement: Basketball, TAA, Volleyball
- Favorite ocean animal is a blue whale
- Favorite birthday cake is vanilla

MIA S.



- Favorite subject is history
- Wants to study Aerodynamics Engineering and Marine Biology
- Hobbies: Tennis, drawing
- Hoover involvement: Girls tennis team, WAHUPA, Avenues for success
- Favorite ocean animal is a killer whale
- Favorite pet is a bunny
- Favorite birthday cake flavor is tres leches
- High achieving, straight A student

JAVIER S.



- Favorite subject is math
- Wants to learn how to garden
- Wants to work at Chilis as a cook
- Hobbies: Cooking
- Hoover involvement: Garden Club
- Favorite animal is a hummingbird
- During program, Javi takes occasional trips to the bathroom. Mom says nothing medical, it's an excuse to use his phone.
- Struggles academically, low motivation, a lot going on at home
- Looks up to Belen Alonso (Ocean Leader)
- Has been fascinated by Ocean Discovery since the 6th grade
- Has held a leadership position during Cesar Chavez club, in the 6th grade

BRIAN S.



- Favorite subject at school is Math
- Wants to become an Engineer
- Hobbies: Gym, playing soccer with friends, archery
- Part of VELO youth Club, Avenues for Success, JROTC
- Favorite animal is penguin
- Siblings with Usiel Soto (Ocean Leader senior) and looks up to him



SHERLY T.

- Favorite subject is math
- Wants a career working with animals
- Hobbies: Volleyball, drawing
- Hoover involvement: Volleyball
- Moved to San Diego from Guatemala 3 years ago. Knows mostly Spanish, challenges with English
- Cousins with Yairo Chique (Current Ocean Leader)

ANTHONY Z.



- Favorite subject at school is math
- Wants to study space
- Hobbies: Video games, cooking
- Hoover involvement: Pool club IMIN, Avenues for Success, Junior Lifeguard
- Favorite ocean animal is a great white shark
- Favorite birthday cake flavor is strawberry
- Supports mom and dad with their taqueria business
- Struggles academically

TATYANNA L. (MENTOR)



- Favorite subject at school is history
- Wants to study Marine Biology or Criminology
- Hobbies: Sleeping, reading, baking, theater, swimming, choir
- Hoover involvement: Avenues for Success, SDSU Talent Search, Advanced Choir
- Favorite land animal is a giraffe
- Favorite ocean animal is a whale shark
- Favorite birthday cake is red velvet
- Struggles to come out of her comfort zone
- Strong leader

DAVID C. (MENTOR)



- Favorite subject at school is science
- Wants to study pharmaceutical
- Wants to work in medicine
- Hobbies: skating, doing science, biking, nature walks
- Hoover involvement: Track, wrestling, Upper Bound, Debate Club
- Favorite animal is a honey badger
- Enjoys eating almonds
- High achieving, comes off as shy, best friends with Brandon G

BRANDON G. (MENTOR)



- Favorite subject at school is math
- Wants to study computer science in college
- Wants a career in computer engineering
- Hobbies: Soccer, video games, biking, hiking, and coding
- Hoover involvement: Debate Club
- Favorite ocean animal is a great white shark
- Favorite birthday cake is vanilla
- High achieving, comes off as shy, best friends with David C

DANNIA MARAVILLA (MENTOR)



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