



# NEWSLETTER

Our newsletter provides an opportunity to catch up on some of our organizational highlights. Here is a four-minute read of this past month's exciting news:

## DR. SPINRAD'S VISIT INSPIRED OUR STUDENTS

Last month, we had the privilege of hosting Dr. Richard Spinrad, the honorable head of the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA).

Dr. Spinrad toured the lab, met with younger students in our Out-of-School Program, and our high school Ocean Leaders presented posters highlighting their experiences with Ocean Discovery.



This exceptional experience served as a gateway to strengthening our partnership with NOAA.



# OUR STUDENTS ARE GEARING UP FOR COLLEGE: *WHERE DID OUR STUDENTS APPLY?*

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After countless hours of hard work, unwavering dedication, and valuable self-discovery, we are excited to announce that our students have submitted their college applications to a diverse array of institutions. A big thank you to our dedicated college mentors who guided our students through the rigorous application process, preparing them for the exciting journey ahead!

As we eagerly await the next chapter in their academic pursuits, we extend our congratulations to the Class of '24!

Our students have submitted applications to UC Los Angeles, UC Berkeley, UC Irvine, UC San Diego, UC Santa Barbara, UC Santa Cruz, SDSU, CSU Los Angeles, CSU Long Beach, Cal Poly, CSU Channel Islands, CSU San Marcos, Cal Poly Pomona, CSU Dominguez Hills, CSU Chico, CSU Channel Islands, Stanford University, University of San Diego, Point Loma Nazarene University, San Diego City College, San Diego Mesa College, Miracosta College, University of Southern California, Pomona College, and Claremont McKenna College.





# STRATEGIC TIPS FROM SD FOUNDATION TO MAXIMIZE YOUR CHARITABLE GIVING DEDUCTIONS IN 2023

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We are pleased to share some helpful information on how to maximize charitable giving deductions before year's end. Our partners at the San Diego Foundation distributed this and other information in their article "**7 Ways to Maximize Your Charitable Giving Deductions Before 2023 Ends.**"



Here is a summary:

1. Give Cash
2. Donate Appreciated Securities
3. Add a Planned Gift to Your Estate Plan
4. "Bunch" Charitable Donations
5. Give a QCD from Retirement Assets
6. Combine Tax-Loss Harvesting with a Cash Gift
7. Donate Complex Assets

To learn more about effective strategies to make a meaningful impact on your community while optimizing your tax benefits. Check out the full article here: [SD Foundation - 7 Ways to Maximize Your Charitable Giving.](#)



***Empower the Next Generation of Science Leaders - Donate Today!***

***As the year comes to a close, seize the opportunity to make a difference by donating today. Your contribution will go towards supporting the next generation of science leaders. Click the button below to make your contribution.***

# EXPLORING CAREERS IN SCIENCE: A MEMORABLE VISIT TO NEUROCRINE BIOSCIENCES

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We sincerely thank the Neurocrine team for opening their doors and hosting our Ocean Leaders. The experience was incredible, providing our high school students with a unique opportunity to dive into the science workforce.

During our visit, students had the opportunity to engage in informational interviews, gaining valuable insights into diverse careers and pathways. The experience was eye-opening, especially when they discovered the intricate and sometimes surprising costs of cutting-edge lab robots!



This visit not only expanded our Ocean Leaders' knowledge of potential careers but also left them inspired and enthusiastic about all of the possibilities within the realm of science.

Thank you, Neurocrine, your generosity has impacted these young minds, sparking a passion for scientific exploration that will undoubtedly shape their futures.

# SCIENTIST IN RESIDENCE: MONA BEHL

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We were honored to host Mona Behl, Associate Director for the Georgia Sea Grant, as our Scientist in Residence. Mona's unwavering dedication and commitment shone through in every aspect of our programs, from our In-School to Out-of-School to Leadership Programs.

Mona brought her life's work to the forefront, sharing it with our staff and engaging with our students in a way that made her expertise come alive. Her passion and insights educated and ignited a spark of inspiration in our students and staff.

Mona added to our programs through her profound insights into wetlands and her appreciation for seabirds, which enhanced the overall learning experience for the students involved.

Mona, your contribution has left a lasting impact on our organization, and we are truly thankful for the time, dedication, and passion you shared with us. We are grateful to have had you as a part of our community.





## PIE FOR PI: FUNDRAISER TO SUPPORT OCEAN DISCOVERY STUDENTS

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Our Pie for Pi fundraiser exceeded expectations in an event last month. Our exceptionally talented writer-in-residence, Amy Wallen, baked four pies at the Living Lab within three days.

But the sweetness didn't stop there. Amy also engaged with our students during our Out-of-School program, conversing about pies cooked in their homes and sparking conversations about the tradition of families gathering around food.



These delicious pies were then auctioned on Amy's Facebook Page, resulting in an outstanding response and an impressive \$1,650 raised in just three days!

This generous support adds a delightful layer of sweetness to our overall success!

