

NEWSLETTER

July 2023

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.

"READY, SET, ROBOTS!"

Summer Robotics Camp is here. For seven weeks, we will have over 300 students joining us for exciting and enriching robotics programming!

Our students will spend their summer engineering Remotely Operated Vehicles (ROVs), using block coding to program terrestrial robots, making many new friends, and of course, having lots of fun!





GEARING UP FOR HIGH SCHOOL AND THE PATH TO COLLEGE



This past month we welcomed our newest cohort of Ocean Leaders. Our Ocean Leaders will stick together for all four years of high school as they learn and grow to become the next generation of science leaders.

During their 12-day intensive Ocean Leader Bridge Program, they learned what it means to be an Ocean Leader and all about the mission of Ocean Discovery.





Ocean Leaders studied invertebrates, fish, and marine mammals during the program. They made observations, conducted in-depth investigations, and learned how science leaders are making a difference in the world. Students traveled to the mountains on a camping trip and built community among their peers and leadership skills. Most importantly, students had a blast, and they are excited to start their high school journey and become the leaders our world needs.

SCIENTIST-IN-RESIDENCE, MONIQUE BASKIN



During her week here, Monique acted as a mentor in our Ocean Leader Bridge Program and shared her science knowledge with students of all ages. And Monique's daughter joined our summer camp with our other middle school students!



We were honored to host Monique Baskin as our Scientist in Residence (SIR) this past month, along with her daughter Kyria! Monique is the Deputy Director at the NOAA Office of National Marine Sanctuary.

Monique has three Master's Degrees; in International Affairs with an Environmental Health, Science, and Policy focus from George Washington University.



WHAT COLLEGE ARE OUR OCEAN LEADERS HEADING TO?

With the summer here, this means our Graduating Seniors are also gearing up to start college in the fall! Here is the list of institutions our students will be attending:

- Abigail SD Miramar College, Major in Aviation Operation
- Alphonce SD City College, Major in Film Production
- Alejandro SD City College, Major in Sociology
- Angel UCSB, Major in Political Science
- Bryan SD City College, Major in Art
- **Dan** UCSD, Major in Molecular and Cell Biology
- **Evany** Fresno State, Major in Psychology
- **Joselin** Sonoma State. Major in Business Administration

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- Shakur SD City College, Major in Film Production
- **Usiel** USD, Major in Biology and Behavioral Science
- Yeimi UCSD, Major in Molecular Biology

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SPLASH! 2023

NOVEMBER 04 FOUR O'CLOCK OCEAN DISCOVERY INSTITUTE 4255 THORN ST. SAN DIEGO CA 92105

Ocean Discovery Institute would be thrilled to have you join us for our first-ever *Splash!* - a cocktail fundraiser supporting tuition-free programs for thousands of students in City Heights.

TICKETS \$50 | HOST COMMITTEE \$500 (10 TICKETS)REGISTRATION LINK COMING SOON!



THANK YOU TO OUR TOP ORGANIZATIONAL SPONSORS



We want to take this opportunity to thank Southwest Airlines and Neurocrine Biosciences for their amazing support at this year's *Bubble Up!* Gala. And, of course, we want to give a special shout-out to our friends at Neurocrine, who matched \$75K in donations and helped us raise \$400,000.

All of the programming you just read about was made possible in part by the generosity of these sponsors!



Neurocrine Biosciences team members came out to show their support and have some fun at this year's Bubble Up!