



# 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:

## SPLASH! 2023

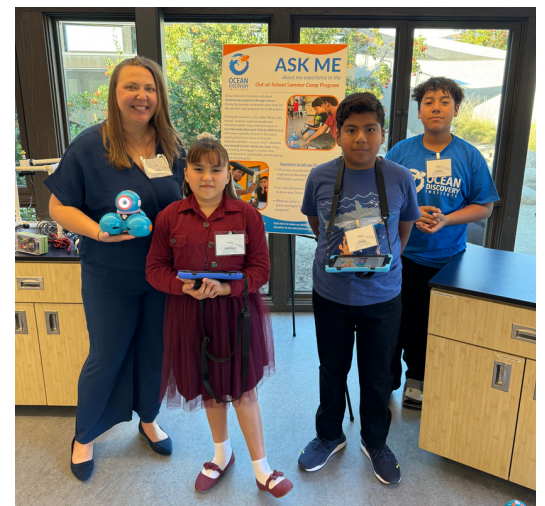
Thank you to all who contributed to the success of *SPLASH! 2023*, our inaugural fundraising event at the Living Lab.

Thanks to your generosity, we exceeded our fundraising target and raised over \$130,000, guaranteeing that we can provide 100% tuition-free science programs to thousands of students in City Heights.

We came together with a shared purpose and passion for creating opportunities for our young people to transform their lives through science. We are proud to have you all in this powerful community.



**Save the Date for *SPLASH! 2024***  
**May 18th, 2024**



# EMBRACING THE CITY HEIGHTS DIA DE LOS MUERTOS CELEBRATION

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Our team was delighted to participate in the City Heights Day of the Dead Celebration, where we had the honor of engaging with so many amazing families and immersing ourselves in an afternoon full of colorful entertainment and celebration of Mexican culture.

The event's liveliness, intricate altars, traditional Mexican cuisine, and the families coming together to celebrate this Mexican tradition made for an unforgettable experience.

These festivities serve as a beautiful reminder of the richness of living in City Heights, the power of cultural celebrations, and the importance of diversity. We can't wait for next year's event!



# PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT

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Our team had an incredible opportunity to engage in a professional development session led by Dr. Nichole Weeks, a Professor at Pomona College. The session, titled "Exploring the Historical Context of Racial Inequities in Public Education and Implementing Best Practices for Preparing Young People from Underserved Communities for Higher Education," was made available exclusively to our program staff through our partnership with the University of San Diego.

Upon the conclusion of this training, our staff was deeply impressed by the knowledge and insights gained. We will be taking our learnings and putting them into practice to ensure our students are getting the best possible programs.

We are profoundly grateful for Dr. Weeks' commitment to helping us grow stronger and for our partnership with the University of San Diego for making it all possible.

