



# NEWSLETTER

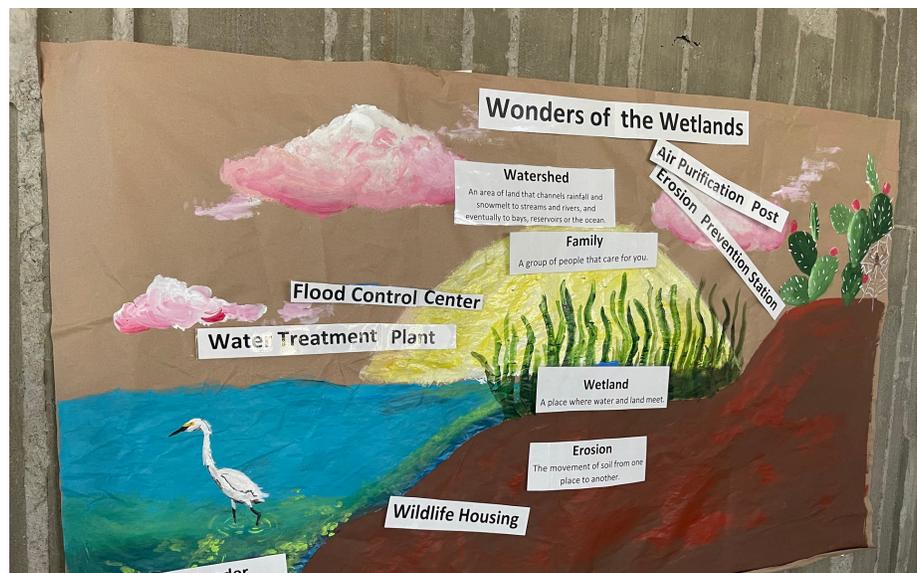
Our newsletter provides an opportunity to catch up on some of our organizational highlights. Here is a four-minute read of this past month's exciting news.

## OUT OF SCHOOL PROGRAM KICK OFF

We are excited to announce the beginning of our school year, which means that our out-of-school programs are back in action. This year, around 30 students will be participating in our programs weekly, and our goal is to reach 650 during the school year!

During this school year, our students will be focusing on wetland ecosystems. This means they will be understanding how much of an impact our wetland ecosystems have in our environment. They will understand how birds use wetlands to nurse their baby birds.

In addition to all of this, our students will learn about erosion and the importance of having native plants to prevent runoff. All while engaging in activities to learn how the Kumeyaay used native plants for medicine and food.



# COLLEGE AND CAREER MENTORING PROGRAM KICKOFF

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## COLLEGE ACCESS

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This month, we are kicking off two additional mentoring programs.

Our College Access Mentorship Program is helping students get the individual advice they need to understand financial aid, college applications, and more -- to help them make the best college decision for their future! This year our Seniors participating are Alejandro, Casey, Domanick, Kay, Osciris, and Ricardo!



## CAREER ACCESS

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On the other side of the spectrum, our Career Access Mentorship Program is an exclusive program for our Ocean Discovery alumni and Americorps Discovery Fellows that pairs young professionals with industry professionals, leveraging resources and social networks to secure mentee's desired next steps. This year our alumni's joining us are Christina, Keilly, Melissa, Monica, and Nancy.



***Want to make a difference and use your skills to help others? Check out volunteer opportunities for an empowering way to give back!***



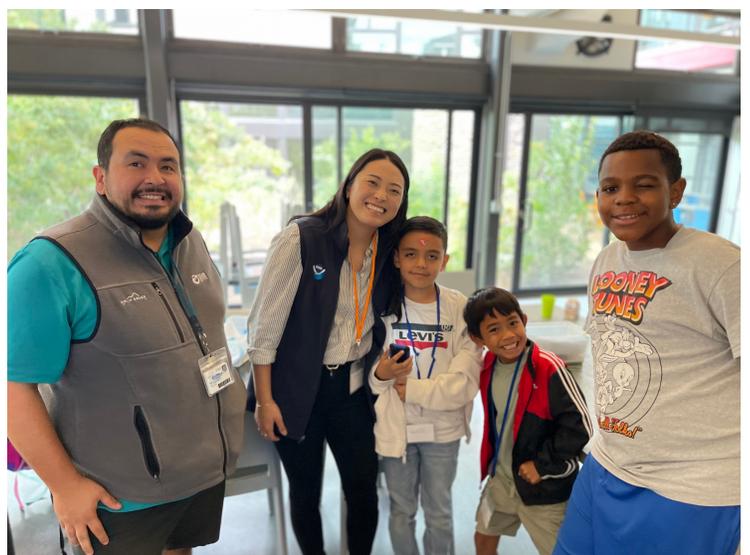
# SCIENTIST IN RESIDENCE

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This month, we were honored to host Lisa Kim as our Scientist in Residence. She is a congressional Affairs Specialist at NOAA's Office of Education and works on developing an annual strategy to communicate the value of NOAA Education to Congress. In addition to her work, she empowers young adults to protect coastal and marine ecosystems through the Coastal Ecosystem Learning Centers network.



During her stay, Lisa joined our 5th-grade class on a wetland exploration at the San Diego Bay National Wildlife Refuge and participated in our afterschool program, helping students identify local birds using an iPhone app. In addition, she also spent time with our leadership program during Ocean Leader Wednesdays, where our students connect math and science!





# SPLASH! 2023

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

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