



LA CONSERVATION CORPS

June 18, 2010

Congratulations to the LA Education Corps' **Class of 2010!** A total of **154** students from Eco Academy, Youth Opportunities and the Young Adult Corps High Schools graduated today at a commencement ceremony at Cal State LA. We are so proud of you!



The full graduation album is posted on the Corps' Facebook page at the following link: www.facebook.com/lacorps.

Young Adult Corps

Great news! We got confirmation this week from CBS Studios that we are set to install 500 kw of solar panels throughout the lot. We met with the solar installation company last week and they indicated that up to 12 corpsmembers may potentially get hired on board as solar installers. Congratulations!

Former corpsmember and scholarship recipient **Neasha Monegan** was recently hired as a Contract Supervisor for the California Science Center. It's only been a week since she's been on board and she has already impressed her team with her hard work and can-do attitude!



Graffiti

This week,

- Our Program Assistant Barbara Rocha received a 5.0 score in her assigned zone. Great job!
- Crews received a 4.31 weekly monitor score this week from the Office of Beautification.
- Crews completed over 579 service requests.
- Crews abated over 60,900 sq. ft. of graffiti

Trees for a Green LA/ Million Trees LA

This week,

- Corpsmembers Jasmine James and Jennifer Zargoza loaded trees for the TFGLA free tree program and distributed (for the first time) five-gallon residential shade trees to customers at community events.
- On Thursday, corpsmembers distributed trees at the Van Nuys Farmers Market.

Please contact Leslie Ortiz (leortiz@lacorps.org), Program Coordinator with upcoming events in your community that might benefit from these tree distributions.

Corpsmember Development

Transition

This week, a group of 13 transitioning corpsmembers celebrated their graduation from the Corps. Staff across departments came together to celebrate and recognize these corpsmembers for making their transition out of the Corps. Executive Director Bruce Saito said a few words of congratulations and thanks. Corpsmembers spoke about their experiences

and accomplishments at the Corps and their plans for the future. Congratulations to all the transitioned corpsmembers for all your hard work and contributions to the Corps and the City of Los Angeles! The transitioning corpsmembers are Erica Artiga, Joseph Caceres, Irvin Centeno, Donte Clay, Sarah Cortez, Jonathan Edmond, Stephanie Esparza, Jesse Garcia, Capri Houghton, Breanna Pyles, Justin Reece, Jose Santos and Marcus Walker.

YouthBuild Mentoring Program Orientation

Five people attended our YouthBuild Mentoring Pre-Program Orientation on Saturday, June 12. There are two additional orientations scheduled for this coming Saturday, June 19 and next Saturday, June 26. The remaining orientations will be held at our South LA Center from 11am to 12:30pm. For more information on how you can volunteer your time to change a corpsmember's life, please contact Mary Starks at mstarks@lacorps.org.

Transitional Living Program (TLP) Outing

Last Sunday, eight TLP corpsmembers went shopping at Wal-Mart and made purchases of household items towards their apartment, part of the TLP Daily Living activities. Our Program Manager supervised the corpsmembers as they shopped. Each corpsmember was given a budget of \$200, a notebook and a pen to track their expenses. It was truly a learning experience for each corpsmember to learn how to budget their money.

SEA Lab

Congratulations to former corpsmember and scholarship recipient **Cynthia Carmolingo**; she has just been hired as a Supervisor for SEA Lab. Welcome onboard!



LA Education Corps

Last week's Art Night at Youth Opportunities High School was a success! Over 60 people attended this event. Poets included Mike ThePoet, ATG, View Park Prep students, Matthew Castellanos, Armond and the YO! High Poets.