



LA CONSERVATION CORPS

July 23, 2010

Last Saturday July 17, crews from the Young Adult Corps and Clean & Green programs were out with approximately 450 volunteers from **Boeing** to restore wetland preserves at **Bolsa Chica Conservancy** in Huntington Beach and **White Point Nature Preserve** in San Pedro. Together with support from the Orange County Conservation Corps, over 20,000 pounds of trash, debris and non-native vegetation were removed from the two sites. Corps Board members **Joe Rakauskas** and **Miya Sumii** were both at the project getting their hands dirty!

Click on the photo below to see the full album posted on our Facebook page.



Alum Highlight

Melissa Hurtado joined the Young Adult Corps program in 1993 when she was just 18 years-old. Like most single-mothers, Melissa had to work harder than everyone else. Her perseverance paid off when she was promoted from corpsmember to Team Leader at the Clean & Green program where she worked till 2000. The Corps encouraged Melissa to pursue higher education by providing her with a Russell Kantor and AmeriCorps scholarship. Today, she works with some of Los Angeles' most underserved young people as a Juvenile Deputy Probation Officer with the LA County Probation Department. Melissa writes, "Working with Clean & Green is where I discovered my passion for working with Young People. I believe the Corps came into my life for a reason and without the Corps who knows what my life would be like now." Congratulations Melissa, we are so proud of your accomplishments!

Young Adult Corps

This week,

- Corpsmembers completed their 35 hours of Solar Course training at LA Trade Tech College in preparation for the upcoming installation project at Obregon Park. Besides teaching our corpsmembers the necessary power- and hand-tool skills, the training also focused on design and material needs for the project.



- Recycling crews are at Dodgers Stadium collecting recyclable during games. Our crews will stay through the weekend, so remember to look for the greens among the blues!

Corpsmember Development

- Congratulations to former corpsmember **Donnell Duffie** for receiving his Certified Nursing Assistant certification this week after completing Health Reconnections Academy at LA Trade Tech College and passing the required State Board exams.
- Former corpsmember **Evelyn Espana** who has been interning at the California Science Center has been offered a Teacher's Aide position with the Los Angeles Unified School District. She plans to continue going to school full-time and work part-time.
- Corpsmember **Andrew Campero** has been offered an internship position at the California Science Center. Andrew has worked hard at the Young Adult Corps and will be a terrific addition to CSC.
- 25 College Cohort members began summer classes at LA Trade Tech's Summer Bridge Program last week. This program will help these 25 students to prepare for upcoming classes in the Fall.

- The Transition Program participated in mock interviews on Monday and all corpsmembers who passed were given a Work Readiness Certificate from the LA youth at work Program.
- Participants of the transition program toured Santa Monica College on Wednesday. These potential pupils got a feel of the campus environment, spoke with counselors and teachers and learned about upcoming classes and transfer requirements.
- Last week, corpsmember **Ernesto Aguilera** got to stay on the UCLA campus as a participant of the SITE Program which targets underserved populations in California and bringing them to universities. This program encourages students to make the necessary steps to transfer from a junior college to a 4-year university.
- Today, corpsmembers went to the California Science Center to complete applications for Event Staffing.