Students Visit Local Farms Around San Diego

This year the SEEDS Program Farms Tour visited Coastal Roots Farm and an Aquaponics farm in Vista.

Students learned about the process of aquaponics, how it functions and what the chemistry was behind the scenes.

At the Coastal Roots farm, students learned that the farm was based on Jewish practices and emphasized a different approach to farming. The students learned about traditional Jewish holidays and different forms of harvesting.

After a tour of the farm the students were invited to enjoy some time at Coastal Roots mini farm stand. They picked up fresh veggies to take home as well as some fresh produce donated by the aquaponics farm!

Meet the Spring 2017 Staff

We would like to welcome back Coordinator Leticia Lopez! She has returned form a 6 month sabbatical where she was temporarily living in South America.

She is eager to get back on track with the SEEDS Program and to meet with the SEEDS Scholars. Her office is located in the LRC, 4th floor, room 461. You can also reach her by telephone at 619-388-2351.

Leticia Lopez enjoys spending time with her twin boys and loves to seek adventure. She is pictured (right) on the Galapagos Island of Santa Cruz alongside a giant tortoise!

Upcoming Dates:
- Forest Service Field Trip: April 22nd, 2017
- National Institute of Food and Agriculture Conference in Albuquerque, New Mexico: February 16-18th, 2107

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The SEEDS office would also like to welcome two new office assistants Sara Ramirez and Claudia Nieto. Along with recognition to long time SEEDS coordinator Waverly Ray. ~

Claudia Nieto is studying Biology and loves to garden. She is an advocate for school gardens in elementary schools. She plans to teach her daughter, Valentina about sustainability.

Sara Ramirez is an Environmental Studies and Economics major. She enjoys kayaking and volunteering with local communities to help with conservation and restoration.

Waverly Ray has been with the SEEDS Program since it began in 2014! She is also the advisor for the Terra Mesa Conservation and Sustainability Club on campus. We would like to thank her for all she has done for the SEEDS Program and the SEEDS Scholars!

You can find her at SB-110C or contact her by email at wray@sdcc.edu.

Follow us on Social Media!

The SEEDS program is active on Facebook and Twitter! Send us an interesting Tweet or share a post with us. We would love to hear about what’s important to YOU!

We are also now accepting applications for the next 2017-18 SEEDS Scholars Cohort. If you know anyone that is interested in a STEM field or any of our Themes of Hunger, Sustainability or Global Food Security, let them know applications are now open. Spread the word as applications will be due May 8th, 2017.

Current SEEDS Scholars should meet with their advisor to ensure that the requirements are being met to receive the SEEDS scholarship in May.

Coming up in next month’s issue we will discuss the Forest Service Field Trip along with the New Mexico NIFA Conference that will take place in early February.

Make sure to check that you are receiving our SEEDS emails to ensure you don’t miss any important deadlines.

Keep up the good work scholars!

-SEEDS TEAM