



# MERITO FOUNDATION

## 2021 ACCOMPLISHMENTS

### Restoration of Kalorama wetland

Students & parents removed 3000 lbs. of invasive ice plant, replacing it with 230 native plants in 2 acres of land.

### Greening Schools

As part of Blue Green School initiative, 240 students designed waste reduction programs preventing 102,022lbs (46.26 metric tons) of waste from landfills and 136 metric tons of Carbon Dioxide from entering the atmosphere.

### Educators' Programs

94 educators (formal & informal) provided with curricular content, activities and training to enhance their instruction of ocean, climate and/or environmental science.

### Marine Science Camps

110 students participated in Marine Science after-school and summer camps, with 50% of students receiving full scholarships.

### Renewable Energy Outreach

29,048 members of disadvantaged communities in Ventura County were educated about the environmental, economic, and health benefits of clean & renewable energy.

### EECCOA Challenge 2021

102 teams submitted proposals to reduce water consumption, waste reduction or increase energy efficiency in their homes. Top 12 projects were awarded \$3200 in cash prizes & 5 projects were sponsored implementation.



### Stormwater Runoff Prevention

Led 3rd-5th grade students at Parkview Elementary School in Port Hueneme to design and create an outdoor classroom with rain barrels, native plants, a bioswale, and fog catchers.

### Ventura River Action Network

Collaboration with VUSD and other environmental organizations to teach 800-1000 6th-12th grade students in environmental monitoring and restoration of the Ventura River Watershed.

### Tales of Exploration Project

Using National Geographic's Storytelling for Impact Tools & Framework, students explore their natural world through geo-inquiry and share their knowledge through storytelling.

### MERITO Academy

Now in it's 16th year, this program gives elementary school students and their parents a chance to learn the natural history of the Channel Islands.

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