

## Tech Trek News

*Betty Reed, Tech Trek Coordinator*



*First row: Elle Largent, Ariela Mitrani, Grace Yardley*

*Second row: Grace Ziegel, Lucia Felipe, Vivian Wu, Ashley Moreno, Dalia Salgado, Paisley Johnson*

*Missing: Angel Korchkov*

Here's our 2016 girls back from spending a week at UCSD Tech Trek camp in June. We received some delightful comments from the girls, and I've extracted some of them here:

**Elle Largent, Oak Crest:** Tech Trek has been the time of my life! We went to ViaSat and learned a lot about their work there, and how a satellite works. We also listened to women speak about what it is like to be a woman there. Also, dissecting a squid was amazing! We pulled out the beak and esophagus!

It was gross but super cool!! This week was incredible and has really shaped me into the person I will become. I will remember this experience my whole life!

**Ariela Mitrani**, *Carmel Valley*: This was the most fun and educational experience I have ever had. All the classes sounded fun, but Marine Biology went above and beyond. I especially enjoyed making tie dye clothes with fish prints, making shark tooth necklaces, and the fish dissection. This camp challenged me, but also gave me great experiences I will treasure for the rest of my life.

**Grace Yardley**, *Pacific Trails*: I still can't believe that I got into Tech Trek. When I got the mail, I was about to cry because I was so happy and excited. This has also given me pride. I had one of the best times at Sea Camp, where I learned all about marine life and how important it is to us. This activity was one of my favorites because it gave me a chance to see what marine biologists do.

**Grace Ziegel**, *Earl Warren*: Going to this camp has taught me to be more comfortable around new technology, people, and experiences. I have been taught how to program Servos and LEDs, how to handle sea life, and even how rockets used today follow Sir Isaac Newton's 3<sup>rd</sup> law of motion. This camp has been everything I needed and more.

**Lucia Felipe**, *Oak Crest*: I got Forensic Science as my core class and I learned so much about the study of solving murder mysteries and crimes, using fingerprints, blood spatter, and paper documents. I'd like to thank you for giving me this opportunity of going to Tech Trek.

**Vivian Wu**, *Carmel Valley*: Thank you so much for the scholarship that has allowed me to experience being a mature, responsible young girl. I have been exposed to life in a college dorm and a busy exciting schedule with my core class as chemistry. Tech Trek has opened a new door for me and I will gladly accept it.

**Ashley Moreno**, *Diegueno*: I am so thankful and grateful that I was able to come to Tech Trek camp. I'm glad that I made new friends, because I am shy. Chemistry is fun and I got to learn new things such as I've learned how hard it is to neutralize an acid and a base without a buffer.

**Dalia Salgado**, *Diegueno*: I like me coding class and the apps we built. I learned many things such as the work behind apps and the coding that goes along with it. At Sea Camp we learned about invertebrates and the different types such as squid, sea urchins, and many more. I was amazed when we were out at sea in the boat. During the mini camps we learned about what classes to take in high school.

**Paisley Johnson, Earl Warren:** This week I did many amazing things like reverse tie dying, Zumba, building rockets, and building cars. I am hoping to become a Junior Councilor so I can have fun with other Trekers!

**Angel Korchkov, Pacific Trails:** I had the most amazing week ever spent in a camp. My core class was anatomy. I learned 36 bones and some more information about the organs. We got to go to Thornton hospital and witness a catheter surgery! We also saw patients going thru chemotherapy. After a week here I am considering a career as a nurse or a pediatrician.