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Weekend Tidepool Walk

**Saturday,
November 16th
1 p.m. – 2:30 p.m.**

Join CMA's educators as they conduct tours of the Point Fermin tidepools. Attend an informative slide show in the John M. Olguin Auditorium, then continue on the naturalist-led ramble on the rocks to see animals in their natural habitat. Outdoor clothing and sneakers advised. Young children must be accompanied by adults.

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Leader in the Making

Airport Police Lt. Michael Vaccariello graduates from the West Point Leadership Academy program.

Airport Police Lt. Michael J. Vaccariello, Security Access Control Unit (SACU), recently graduated from the LAPD's West Point Leadership Academy Program.

The LAPD/West Point Leadership Program (WPLP) is structured after the United States Military Academy (USMA) at West Point. Soon after the Vietnam War, the military realized that its leaders required further development, and established a program consisting of 136 hours of community-related law enforcement instruction. The program uses a decision-making model based on a scientific method called intellectual procedure, which focuses on improving individual ability in maintaining a balance between the needs of subordinates and the demands of superiors at all levels of command. Finally, the goal of the program is to develop a leader's ability to influence human behavior in order to accomplish goals.

Lt. Vaccariello, along with leaders from various law enforcement agencies nationwide, attended one week a month over a four-month period. Participants included a diverse group of professionals from private and public entities. When asked what he liked about the



Lt. Michael Vaccariello holds his graduation certificate.

West Point Leadership Program, Lt. Vaccariello said, "There is a wealth of knowledge and leadership skills that every participant receives from the LAPD trainers/facilitators. Among the 24 participants, we developed a strong and positive camaraderie."

Lt. Vaccariello was presented with his certificate by LAPD Asst. Chief Sandy Jo MacArthur. In attendance at the ceremony were Airport Police Security and Traffic Sgt. Melonie Hodge-Harrell; Denise Chang, Management Analyst II; and Tiffany Baltazar, Management Assistant.

Airport Police Chief Patrick Gannon, who supports training for all of his staff, said, "Congratulations to Lt. Vaccariello for successfully completing this demanding and well-respected leadership training. I consider this type of training essential for all members of our organization, and encourage individuals who are serious about

improving their leadership skills to apply for these training opportunities."

Airport Police graduates in the past include Capt. Mario Patrick, Lt. Guy Painter, Lts. Karen Schulz and Imer Chavez, and Sgt. Anthony Boisselle.



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