

### Underwater Parks Day

### Saturday, January 18 11 a.m. – 3 p.m.

Join Cabrillo for a celebration of Marine Protected Areas (MPAs). These areas, like parks on land, protect underwater marine resources for future generations

to enjoy. To celebrate MPAs and ocean conservation, Cabrillo is participating in the sixth annual Underwater Parks Day. There will be speakers, presentations, interactive activities and handouts for visitors so they can learn more about MPAs,

how MPAs work, and where MPAs are located in Southerm California. Similar activities are being held

the same day at partner marine science centers, including

#### Airports

Story courtesy Airport Police; Photos by Youth Service Officer William Lara

## **New Cadets**

Airport Police graduates 10 cadets.

Ten Airport Police cadets ranging in ages between 13 to 20 graduated from the LAPD Cadet Academy Program Nov. 16. The cadets were sworn in during a graduation ceremony in the University of Southern California's Galen Center.

In attendance at the graduation ceremony were Assistant Chief Michael Hyams, Lt. Edward Trahan, Sgt. Daniel Romo and Youth Service Officers William Lara and Ericka throughout the airport. Youth Service Officers (YSO) are tasked with mentoring and teaching leadership skills to the cadets. The cadets' current duties and activities include: providing information and directions to travelers in the Central Terminal area during the holidays, participating in various division training scenarios, the Christmas in July and LAX Kiwanis Club events, as well as many other activities, including decorating Tournament of Roses parade



Assistant Chief Michael Hyams (left) with cadets Jayla High, Ana DeLeon, Merlin Gonzalez, Priscilla Perez, Brian Brass, Jordan Johnson, Darnell Wilson, Cameron Stewart, Matthew Alba and Remaiya Marshall. Not pictured: YSOs William Lara, Ericka Holliday, Sgt. Daniel Romo and Lt. Edward Trahan.

Holliday. "We are very proud of our cadets and pleased that Cadet Perez was chosen for such a great honor. The cadet program is a tremendous opportunity to help develop today's youths into the leaders of tomorrow," said Airport Police Assistant Chief Michael Hyams.

The cadets will be assigned to Los Angeles International Airport (LAX), where plans are being made to rotate them among various units within the Airport Police Division and floats. They also assisted during the recent opening of the first phase of the New Tom Bradley International Terminal.

Cadet Priscilla Perez, daughter of Airport Employee Mirna Serrano, was selected from among nearly 500 of her classmates to receive the award for the Most Motivational Cadet award based on her work ethic, attitude and inspirational drive during the academy. She also received the most Inspirational Cadet



From left: Sgt. Daniel Romo, Assistant Chief Michael Hyams, Cadet Prescilla Perez (award recipient) and Lt. Edward Trahan.

award for leading her platoon by example and motivating them throughout the academy class.

Earlier last year, Cadets Meagan Billington and Lamont Green both successfully became Youth Cadet sergeants. YSO William Lara said, "They have exhibited a strong passion for the youth cadet program and have taken a leadership role in mentoring their peers. They continually dedicate extra time and effort to keeping the cadets structured and focused and assume leadership responsibilities during events and outings."

The Airport Police Cadet Program is open to youths between the ages of 13 and 20. The goal of the program is to help instill the values of leadership, academic excellence, life skills and discipline into participants. The program also seeks to empower students with the skills to maximize personal, scholastic and life potential as well as provide insights into law-enforcement careers. Interested persons should call Airport Police Recruitment at (800) GO-AIR-PD for further information.



From left: YSO William Lara, Youth Cadet Sgts. Meagan Billington and Lamont Green, and YSO Ericka Holliday.



Aquarium of the Pacific in Long Beach, Ocean Institute in Dana Point, Birch Aquarium at Scripps in La Jolla, SeaLife Aquarium in Carlsbad, Santa Monica Pier Aquarium, Ty-Warner Sea Center in Santa Barbara and Centers for Ocean Science Education Excellence - West. Free and open to all! Parking: \$2

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### Airports

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# **New Airports Officer**

Airport Police swears in new Police Officer.

On Nov. 27, Airport Police recruit Hector Orellana joined the ranks of the Los Angeles Airport Police following his graduation from Class 6-13 at the Los Angeles Police Academy at Elysian Park.

Among the 34 recruits in this academy class, Officer Orellana was named the top recruit in Physical Training (PT) and was selected by his



From left: Airport Police Capt. Tyrone Stallings, Assistant Chief Brian Walker, Officer Hector Orellana, Chief Patrick Gannon and Assistant Chief Michael Hyams.

classmates as class leader. Airport Police Chief Patrick M. Gannon performed the swearing-in of the new officer. Also in attendance were Assistant Chiefs Brian

> Walker and Michael Hyams, Capt. Tyrone Stallings, Lt. Edward

Airport Police Officer Hector Orellana being sworn in by Chief Patrick Gannon.

Trahan, Sgts. Joe Espita and Daniel Romo, and a host of other Airport Police personnel.

Chief Gannon said, "I am proud that Officer Orellana was chosen by his classmates as class leader and that he demonstrated great leadership ability during his time at the academy. His dedication and accomplishments are commendable."

Orellana is expected to complete a six-month Field Training Program specific to airport law enforcement under the guidance of a field training officer before being assigned to the Patrol Services Section.