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VMMS Students selected to BE WiSE Program

VISTA, Calif. – Five of our young seventh and eighth grade women were selected through the BE WiSE program. This year's VMMS representatives are: Eva Amantea (to attend the Hubbs Sea World Research Center), Karen Ceballos (to attend Scripps Birch Aquarium), Hannah Farrell (to attend the San Diego Zoo Institute for Conservation Research), Ellie Lueders (to attend San Diego Zoo Institute for Conservation Research), and Melissa Silvester (to attend Scripps Birch Aquarium).

As part of their application, students wrote an essay in which they creatively discussed what we could learn from organisms. They wrote from the organism's perspective. Our students' innovative ideas ranged from the helpfulness of a fungus to making underwater eye protection based on crocodile eyelids.

BE WiSE, Better Education for Women in Science and Engineering, is a program, which encourages young women to explore and advance in the fields of science, technology, engineering and mathematics (STEM). Students accepted into the program participate in an overnight program at a San Diego research facility. These students also remain members of BE WiSE through their senior year in high school; giving them multiple opportunities throughout their secondary education to participate in STEM related activities. For more information, please visit <http://www.sdsa.org/programs/be-wise>

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