
Students to get hands-on lessons at Nature Center

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The Palos Verdes Peninsula Land Conservancy will host "Getting Students to 'The Point,'" a celebration of 15 years of outdoor environmental education, on Wednesday, May 25. The celebration will take place at the White Point Nature Education Center and Preserve in San Pedro from 10 a.m. to noon, with Gisselle Acevedo, president and CEO of Para Los Niños.

PLN is a nonprofit organization providing high-quality education and support services to children living in high-poverty areas of Los Angeles and San Bernardino. The conservancy's Science Students as Stewards (S3) Education Program partners with PLN to provide hands-on science and outdoor nature experiences for our students.

Acevedo is a well-recognized community leader. Prior to PLN, she was president and general manager of the LA edition of Hoy, the Spanish-language newspaper owned by Tribune Co., and vice president of Public Affairs at *Los Angeles Times* and president of LA Times Foundation. She was named a 2009 Director to Watch by Directors & Boards Magazine, and sits on the boards of Kennedy School of Government, Farmers Insurance, Health Net and LA Chamber of Commerce. She is a regent at Loyola Marymount University, and was appointed by Bill Clinton to serve on the President's Commission on Mental Retardation. Acevedo began her career as an elementary school teacher and received her master's degree in education.

The "Getting Students to 'The Point'" program also includes science students in action with Judy Perlmutter, principal of Para Los Niños Charter School, and a celebration of the conservancy's 25,000th student, as well as recognition of the program's funders.
