

## **Ocean Week Helped U.C. San Diego Student, MCS Alumnae**

As I finished a webpage assignment for one of my classes at UCSD, I realized how blessed I was to have attended MCS from kindergarten to 8th grade. MCS gave me opportunities to build skills, knowledge, wisdom, friendships to last a lifetime, and instilled in me the desire to give back to my community. At the time, I never realized how rare those opportunities were. I never realized that not every child in elementary and middle school had the chance to learn about the ocean for a week every year (information that gave me an advantage in my college Marine Bio class), that not every child had the opportunity to take computer classes (and learn basic Microsoft office skills, basic html, etc.), music classes, and the list goes on.

Thank you to the many remarkable teachers I had throughout my years there, you have prepared me well and armed me with the necessary tools to succeed in high school, to succeed at the university level, and to succeed in life.

Truly blessed,  
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Archbishop Mitty class of 2009  
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