



Explorer Named County Youth Volunteer of the Year

Lomita Station's Explorer Vanessa Yvonne Simplis was recognized as the Los Angeles County Youth Volunteer of the Year at the Dorothy Chandler Pavilion on April 15, 2013. Vanessa showed that she was a volunteer that "Soared Like an Eagle." She overcame a personal learning disorder, Dyslexia, and earned a 3.8 GPA. She graduated from the S.T.A.R.S. Center Explorer Academy and her can-do attitude has helped her climb to the ranks of Explorer Lieutenant. Vanessa has shown great organizational skills and initiative by redesigning many of the Explorer forms that are used on a regular basis. Outside of her volunteer work with the Explorer Program, she gives her time to Teenshop Inc., which is an organization for young women between the ages of 10 and 18. Vanessa has said that being a part of the Explorer Program is an honor and a great experience that allows her to be a part of law enforcement, which has been a lifetime goal.

Lomita Station Explorers are between 15 and 20 years old and are under the direction of Deputy Angela Buritica. For more information about our Explorer Program, please call Deputy Buritica at (310) 891-3246.

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