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GLOBE Pacific Student Research Symposium - Inspiring Students to Research
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On April 26-27, 2019, 71 students from 12 schools from California and Hawaii presented 26 GLOBE research projects at the Pacific U.S. GLOBE Student Research Symposium (SRS) at the NatureBridge Center located at Golden Gate National Recreation Area in Sausalito, California. The SRS was hosted by GLOBE Partner Tracy Ostrom (WestED/CCASN at UC Berkeley), part of GME. Student projects were reviewed by their peers and by scientists from NASA Jet Propulsion Lab, NASA Ames, WestEd, and Chabot Space and Science Center.

The event kicked off with a "get-to-know-you" icebreaker with teachers, students, and scientists. After dinner, two keynote speakers, Dr. Kelechi Uwaezuoke and Dr. Audrey Parangan-Smith, from SF BUILD welcomed the students and shared stories of their beginnings and interest in science. Dr. Annette Angus from Clorox was also present, as the focus of the evening was about STEM equity and inclusion. Keynote speakers stressed to the students that identifying mentors and following their passions are important career steps.

After the review process and lunch, some students had an opportunity to explore the natural ecosystem of a marine environment and the history of the area at the Marine Mammal Center (MMC). The MMC is a sanctuary for sick and injured marine mammals rehabilitated and released back into the environment. Other students spent time looking for bioluminous sand organisms, participating in ridge hikes, and visiting the Point Bonita lighthouse and the Nike Missile Center.

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