

SANTA MONICA MOUNTAINS RECREATION AREA (CA)



Leiann (Lei) De Vera was born and raised in "America's Finest City," sunny San Diego. She is currently pursuing a B.S. in Environmental Science and Resource Management, with an emphasis in Environmental Science at California State University Channel Islands. Alongside this, she's Treasurer of Kilusan Pilipino, the largest cultural organization on campus, and also part of Gamma Beta Phi, a national collegiate honor society. During this time, she's been able to engage in service learning opportunities that involved protecting the threatened Western Snowy Plover shorebird while collaborating with State Parks, aid in data collection and GIS (geographic information

system) mapping re-vegetation growth at the Santa Rosa Islands Research Station, at the Channel Islands, and for a year be a part of the Education division at Santa Monica Mountains National Recreation Area, aiding in community outreach and EKIP (Every Kid in the Parks) programs. Through Education she was able to gain the skills and experiences for the CVA position, and continues to carry out community engagement wherever she goes and hopes to inspire the community through volunteerism.