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Elementary Institute of Science
Hands-on Enrichment Since 1964

The Wait is Over...



The doors finally open as dignitaries cut the ceremonial ribbon to the new Elementary Institute of Science building. From left to right: EIS Board President Don Short, Councilman Charles Lewis, Elizabeth Thompson, Assemblywoman Shirley Horton, Maxcine Stephens, and County Supervisor Ron Roberts

The Elementary Institute of Science (EIS) held its Grand Opening Celebration on Sunday, January 11, 2004. The Open House Ribbon-Cutting Ceremony included remarks from Councilman Charles Lewis, County Supervisor Ron Roberts, State Assemblywoman Shirley Horton, the Joseph Jacobs Family, EIS students, and the Tom Watts Family. Hundreds of community supporters attended the ceremony and visited the new 15,000-square-foot state-of-the-art science and technology learning center for the first time. After a long seven years of raising funds and three years of construction, the children were thrilled to actually be inside the colorful building and ready to experience hands-on science in the vibrant new laboratories!

Many community residents said how proud they are to have EIS in "their" neighborhood. Alumni Craig Duncan stated, "Getting people of color and women into science is so very essential. As someone who was the beneficiary of so much support and encouragement,

I feel it is my duty and responsibility to pass it on. EIS is part of the fulfillment of Dr. Martin Luther King's dream."

Enthusiastic comments came from the children in their remarks to the audience: "EIS helped my science grades go up!" "Now I ace all of my science tests! EIS has helped me find out what I want to do with my future – be a scientist!"

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EIS students cut the final celebration ribbon, opening their new state-of-the-art science center.

2003 Summer Program a Success

The EIS 2003 Summer Program was a great success!! More than 200 students participated in our weekly hands-on science and technology program. Some of the summer's projects included: building cranes, parachutes, and helicopter rotors; dissecting sharks, octopi, and squid; developing black-and-white photos; creating a webpage, making PowerPoint presentations, graphing experimental results using Excel; making shell "fossils," water filters, and various animal tracks.



Las Muñecas a New EIS Friend

We are proud to announce a new group that will be affiliated with EIS from now on – Las Muñecas, Friends of the Elementary Institute of Science. With 31 active members, its current president is Kimberly White. Las Muñecas was founded in 1956 to benefit children in the San Diego area. In 1959, Las Muñecas started sponsoring the Ebony Fashion Fair, a traveling fashion extravaganza that donates proceeds to charity. The choreographed production features a dozen fashion models displaying more than 200 designer garments.

This year, the event benefits EIS. It is on Saturday, April 3, and tickets are on sale now. The theme for this year's collection is "Color Splash." Don't miss this fantastic experience. For more information please visit our website at www.eisca.org.

University Club Visits UCLA and Cal State Fullerton

On Saturday, March 1, 2003, 46 EIS students and parents took a tour of college campuses in the Los Angeles area. The first stop was the University of California, Los Angeles. After the campus tour, Jessica Cruz, a recent EIS alumnus and now a sophomore at UCLA, spoke to the group, inspiring many of the young EIS students to dream of attending UCLA. After lunch, the group joined Ashley Kitson, a freshman at Cal State Fullerton and former EIS student. She gave us a tour of the campus and answered questions from students and parents alike.

Teton Science School Scholarship Report

Jovanni Carter-Davis, a junior at Eastlake High School, and former EIS student, was awarded a scholarship to attend Teton Science School's Field Natural History course in Jackson Hole, Wyoming. The fantastic month-long experience was made possible by a generous grant to EIS.

Jovanni's recollections...

The opportunity I was given to participate in the Teton Science School in Wyoming will stay with me forever. Not only did I leave with a new sense of accomplishment, but I left with life-long friends. From this experience I came to the realization that I can push myself beyond my own personal limits both physically and emotionally to accomplish anything I set my mind to. This was revealed to me when I began the strenuous 40-mile trip through the Teton Mountain Range with a 40-pound pack. While out there, we were completely on our own: at our own command of when to eat, when to sleep, and when to just keep walking.

This is also when I learned the strength of teamwork. It was the times when I thought I just couldn't go on that I learned I could. But not only did I exercise my physical strength, I also

exercised my mental strength. In that it was a science school, it was exciting to finally be able to see the things we had previously



discussed in the classroom come to life. We were able to experience the environment first-hand, such as plant identification, animal tracking, and bird watching. One of the activities that sticks out in my mind the most was our animal trip, where we went out for the whole day looking for different animals. In the morning, we spotted some bison, deer, elk, and ground squirrels, which was very interesting but not really anything that we hadn't seen every other day we were there. After lunch, we spotted an animal that I will never forget, an American Bald Eagle. I would have to say that this would be at the top of my list for the coolest things that have happened in my life.

In that I was there for a complete month, the environment and the school became my home and the people my family. It was through the long, 10-hour days that I realized my passion for learning. I now have so much knowledge about rock formations, animals, habitats, systems, fires, water quality, flowers, etc., that I can pursue just about any science-based career that I please.

Dr. Janis H. Jackson

The Elementary Institute of Science joined a whole host of family and friends in mourning the death of Dr. Janis H. Jackson. Those who had a chance to know Jan respected her great contributions to the scientific community.

Dr. Jackson had a brief and brilliant career, starting at Brown University in Providence, Rhode Island, where she obtained her majors in biology and chemistry. She obtained an M.D. from the University of Cincinnati, College of Medicine. She subsequently completed a one-year internship at UCLA, a 2-year internal medicine residency at Emory University in Atlanta, Georgia, and a 3-year pulmonary fellowship at the University of Colorado, Health Sciences Center. Upon completion of her fellowship, she relocated to La Jolla, California, to accept a position at The Scripps Research Institute, where she ran her own science laboratory and was an assistant Professor.



Above, Dr. Jackson at an EIS Alumni Celebration and below at Biocom dinner.

One of her greatest contributions to the community was in bringing the scientific approach to the children at the Elementary Institute of Science and NOBCChE (National Organization of Black Chemists and Chemical Engineers). Jan was wholeheartedly committed to increasing the number of African Americans who pursued a career in science and medicine. Every summer four African-American high school students worked as scientific interns in her laboratory.

All of these young people went on to universities, many with full scholarships. Many of her former student interns are now successful physicians and scientists.

In memory of her outstanding career, the Dr. Janis H. Jackson Memorial Fund was established and funded by Dr. Jackson's family, the Jacobs Family Foundation, Dr. Charles and Monica Cochrane, and other friends and colleagues of Jan.

This Endowment fund was created to buy equipment and supplies for the chemistry lab at EIS.



2004 Summer Science Program

Our 2004 Summer Science Program promises to be full of excitement and great learning opportunities! Students ages 7 – 13, enroll by the week, for a maximum of three weeks.

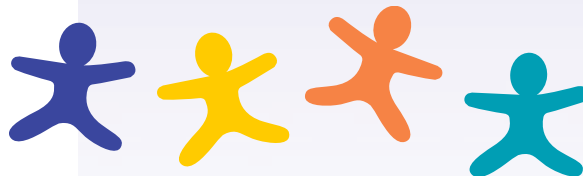
June 14 - August 13

Monday to Friday

9:00 am – 2:30 pm and

10:00 am – 3:30 pm

Registration will begin in April. If you would like to be added to the mailing list to receive a registration form, please contact us at eis@eisca.org or (619) 263-2302.



Thanks to EIS Volunteers

We'd like to thank the following volunteer interns for all their hard work on behalf of EIS! These remarkable young women spent more than 50 hours volunteering in a variety of tasks helping make all EIS programs even better!

Miriam Akinfosile
Tyisha Seymour
Alejandra Fernandez

EIS would also like to thank the following volunteers for all they do for EIS:

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EIS would like to specially thank Symitar and its committed employees Joe Estevez, Stefan Lowe, Tho Tran, and Russ Daniel for helping set up the computer science and technology labs in our new facility!

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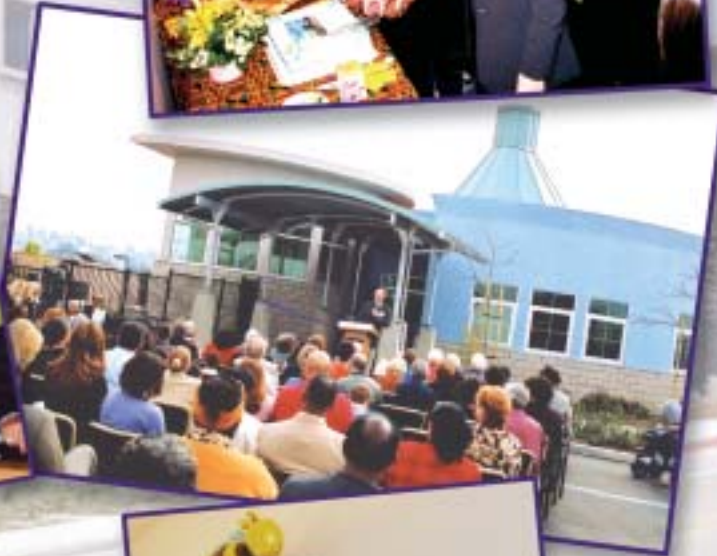
"My favorite things at EIS were the dissections and making hot air balloons!"

Paula Taylor, Ingrid Chapman, Inez Kuba, and Carol Barnett spearheaded the planning of the events. Many volunteers made the event run smoothly. We are grateful to the volunteers who made it such a special weekend for all of us!

This Grand Opening Celebration kicks off the 40th Anniversary of the Elementary Institute of Science. Tom

Watts founded EIS in 1964, and since then, over 4,000 young people have experienced our award-winning programs. Throughout this year, we have some activities planned, including a special celebration in September.

If you have not done so already, we would like to invite you to please come visit and see for yourself what a difference the additional lab space makes for our students.



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Many companies match their employees' gifts to nonprofit organizations such as EIS. You simply have to complete your company's matching gift form and send it to EIS with your donation. We will fill in the necessary information certifying receipt of your gift and send it back to your employer to enable EIS to receive their contribution.

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The Tom Watts Society was created to leave EIS a lasting legacy with which to continue into the future. This planned giving by members of the Tom Watts Society means that they have included EIS in their will or estate plan. Please contact EIS for more information.

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If your employer runs a United Way Campaign, you can write in the EIS # 6264.

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EIS is offering commemorative posters and note cards for sale with the beautiful tile work designs from the Circle of Friends, Honey Bees, Sunburst, and River Walk. Note cards are \$10 per set of eight and the posters are 2 for \$25.

If you would like more information or have any questions, please call EIS at 619-263-2302 and ask for Karen Anisko, ext. 206.



Color Splash

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Saturday, April 3, 2004
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