

Teaching the Next Generation

Tuesday, April 8, 2014

7 pm

Roosevelt School Library

1990 Laguna Street, Santa Barbara

Laurel Phelps, a sixth grade teacher at Roosevelt School, who received the 2013 Dr. Lynne Cavazos Fellowship from our branch, will be providing her insight into what this award has meant for her career. As an advocate for women and girls, Laurel wrote in her scholarship application:

"I see now that the best way to spread the word about these issues is by teaching the next generation of female scholars from a young age. By building their confidence and providing them with knowledge and options for their future I will help them see that what was once unattainable for women is now within their reach. "

About how she came to teaching, Laurel says, *"Having grown up in a family of physicians, I attended UCSB with the goal of becoming a doctor, though quickly realized that my interests focused more on the restoration of the planet as a whole. I graduated with a degree in ecology and spent a year teaching students about how to value themselves while also valuing the environment. My mentor, Dr. Jennifer Thorsch, helped me see my potential as a teacher, and I quickly enrolled in the UCSB Teacher Education Program. This has enabled me to help students realize their own potential as well as their potential to affect change for good in the world."*

There will be a brief business meeting before Laurel's presentation. We will be presenting our slate of candidates for branch leadership for 2014-2015.

