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## Helping Youth Learn the Ropes

Marathon Petroleum partners with nonprofits like the Los Angeles Maritime Institute and the YMCA to give young people new opportunities



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# A Message From CP Patsatzis



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In reflecting on our team's efforts over the past year, one accomplishment stands out to me as especially meaningful. As part of our ongoing work to help strengthen our shared communities, we—Marathon Petroleum's Los Angeles Refinery (LAR)—partner with a wide range of regional nonprofits, and in 2023 alone we invested over \$2.4 million across more than 90 nonprofit organizations. But this financial contribution is just part of the story. Our Marathon employees dedicated significant volunteer hours, manpower and supplies to beautification projects in our local schools. Their generosity, including giving so freely of their time, best enables how we aim to holistically and positively impact the communities we serve.

Overall, serving our communities includes supporting educational opportunities for youth, promoting the professional development of those seeking career growth, and collaborating with environmental organizations to help protect, conserve and sustain natural resources. In this edition of our newsletter, you will read about some of these important initiatives, as well as learn more about how our employees go above and beyond to serve the greater good.

We hope you enjoy this newsletter, and we look forward to fostering even deeper connections with all of you: our readers, valued neighbors and community stakeholders.

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# Sea Worthy

Youth sailing programs with the Los Angeles Maritime Institute provide experiential education while building life skills

A 110-foot-tall wooden sailing vessel with rigging based on designs from the 1750s might seem like an unlikely classroom, but for the thousands of Los Angeles County students who take part in the TopSail Youth Program with the Los Angeles Maritime Institute (LAMI), it provides life-changing experiences.

“Everything we do on our vessels is based in physics and math. I like to say we were doing STEM [science, technology, engineering and mathematics] before STEM was a thing,” says Bruce Heyman, LAMI’s executive director. “When the students come aboard, they don’t necessarily know it as educational because we sneak it in when they aren’t looking. They think they are having fun.”

LAMI was founded in 1992 by sailing enthusiast and science teacher Jim Gladson. The nonprofit offers at-sea educational outings on twin brigantines and a three-masted schooner for upper-elementary, middle and high school students that help build leadership, teamwork and maritime skills, along with exposure to new career pathways.



Marathon Petroleum supports LAMI’s monthly bilingual Explore the Coast sails and funds summer camp scholarships every year.

Departing from the ports of Los Angeles and Long Beach, LAMI hosts over 7,000 student sailing days every year, with excursions ranging from two hours to 10 days. Participants work with two licensed captains and six deckhands on ship operations—everything from hoisting sails to climbing riggings. Students also learn about watersheds and the importance of caring for the oceans.

“When you take young people out on this experience and they see the awesomeness of the ocean, we hope that we can turn them into better stewards,” says Heyman.

According to LAMI, most of the students in their programs come from underserved communities and haven’t had much exposure to the ocean, so vital support from companies such as Marathon Petroleum helps fund operations and scholarships for the kids.

“Marathon is a partner like no other,” Heyman says. “They provide financial resources—including funding 40 scholarships to LAMI’s summer camp every year and supporting monthly Explore the Coast sails for bilingual families—but they also help solve problems.” Such support includes everything from helping with a broken phone system to filling LAMI’s need for a small boat with an outboard motor.

Some of LAMI’s program participants have gone on to maritime careers or marine studies, while others simply have experiences they will remember forever.

“There is something cathartic about being out on the water,” Heyman says. “You’re doing night watch, and the stars are unbelievably gorgeous. There’s usually a light breeze, it’s dead silent and all you hear is your thoughts. It’s just incredible.”

# Nurturing Tomorrow's Leaders

Marathon Petroleum proudly supports the YMCA's life-changing Youth and Government program

Picture 3,000 high school students descending on California's State Capitol in Sacramento. They are prepared to debate a hot topic, deliver legislative language and defend their positions with elected officials, judicial members and more. Though this may sound like a program for elite students, it is actually a program that has existed through the YMCA since 1936.

The YMCA Youth and Government program launched in the Gardena-Carson and Wilmington schools 17 years ago. It consists of two programs: Model Legislation & Court (for high school students) and Model United Nations (for middle school students). And Marathon Petroleum has been a supporter since its inception.

The initial goal was to encourage students to register to vote when they turned 18 and to improve graduation rates. But the program has achieved so much more than that. Students learn about legislation, the nuts and bolts of government and the importance of civic engagement. According to Spencer Yamasaki, executive director of the Gardena-Carson YMCA, "It's really about teaching leadership skills. These students learn the importance of collaboration, public speaking and critical thinking. Whether they go off to college or enter the trades, this program equips them for success."

The seven-month program includes a conference near Paso Robles where the youth develop their positions and connect with thousands of students from across the state. It culminates in what Yamasaki calls their "Super Bowl" in Sacramento.



Above: Youth and Government delegates and advisers outside the State Capitol in Sacramento. Below: The program's Youth Governor Nicholas Johnson (second from right) and his team from the Gardena-Carson YMCA.



Last year's Governor of the Youth and Government program, Nicholas Johnson, came from the Gardena-Carson YMCA chapter, an achievement that can in large measure be attributed to the quality of the local schools and the Y's dedicated volunteer advisers.

The program costs about \$2,100 per student each year, which covers weekly meetings, the annual conference and the trip to Sacramento. Thanks to the support of sponsors, that cost per student has come down to \$300. In fact, the YMCA gives scholarships to those who can't afford that reduced cost, making sure that anyone interested can participate.

One of the program's star alumni is Assembly-member Mike Gipson (D-Carson). The program had a profound impact on him and, in fact, is partly responsible for his success as a public servant today. He recalls his first trip with the Youth and Government program to Sacramento. "We traveled in a van to the Capitol and checked into a Holiday Inn—the first time I stayed in a hotel without my parents," he says. "Our objective was to lower the voting age from 18 to 16. As we presented our case, I remember how it felt to have our voices elevated, and I will forever be indebted to the YMCA for instilling this in me and all the young people who have followed. It's a life-changing program."

Today, Gipson meets with the students when they visit him in the Capitol. "When I look into their eyes and hear their intellectual conversations—what they think about our leadership and its woes, our societal challenges, our economics—I'm very hopeful. If any of these kids gets elected, and I hope they do, they will set California on a path to greatness."

Yolanda De La Torre, district vice president for the YMCA of Metropolitan Los Angeles, notes that this program would not be possible without the investment of companies like Marathon Petroleum. "It's not a cheap program," she says. "But when you see the impact it has had on 100 students each year in three local high schools, you start to see how we are developing our community's youth by giving them a voice and a

direction to expression to be civically involved. That will serve them and all of us well."



To learn more about the YMCA Youth and Government program, visit [ymcala.org/programs/teen-programs/youth-government](http://ymcala.org/programs/teen-programs/youth-government).

## Supporting Women in STEM

Volunteers from the Marathon Petroleum Los Angeles Refinery's Women's Network recently provided support for two annual events—EXP's Women in STEM Career Day and the Women in STEM luncheon.



EXP, a nonprofit dedicated to preparing students for a better life, held its most recent Women in STEM Career Day on February 29 at Los Angeles Harbor College.



The Women in STEM luncheon at Cabrillo High School, held this year on March 8, is an initiative that inspires young women to pursue careers in STEM fields.

# Did You Know?

Facts Per Gallon: Important information about gas prices in California—and what it means for you

The cost of gas in California is among the most expensive in the country. Why? The main reason is that the California government collects a significant amount in taxes per gallon—and those taxes are projected to rise substantially in the coming years.

According to the California Energy Commission, in July 2023 oil companies made 14 cents profit per gallon of gasoline, while the government made 9 times that amount. Here's a closer look.

## In July 2023:

- Oil companies profited \$0.14 per gallon
- The federal government collected \$0.18 per gallon
- The California government collected \$1.08 per gallon, broken down as follows:
  - \$0.58 state excise tax
  - \$0.12 low carbon fuel standard\*
  - \$0.26 cap and trade\*\*
  - \$0.10 state and local tax
  - \$0.02 state underground storage tax

By 2025, California per-gallon taxes are projected to be \$1.73 per gallon, an increase of 60% from July 2023.

\*California's Low Carbon Fuel Standard Program is a regulation that aims to reduce greenhouse gas emissions from transportation fuels in California, requiring fuel producers and importers to reduce the carbon intensity of their fuels.

\*\*The Cap and Trade Program is a system designed to reduce greenhouse gas emissions in California. The program places a cap on the total amount of emissions that regulated entities can produce each year.

Source: *Western States Petroleum Association*

## Know Your Facts Per Gallon

CALIFORNIA'S UNIQUE GAS COSTS MORE TO FORMULATE.

### Why?

The legislature and governors have given authority to regulators to mandate requirements on gas designed to lower its carbon intensity.

This means California gas is unlike any other state's gas. The process to meet these mandates makes California gas more expensive to produce. This is one of the reasons California gas prices are higher than other states and often the highest in the U.S.

According to the regulators themselves, the added cost to make this special gas will increase 36 cents per gallon by 2025.

### What does it cost you?

- According to the California Air Resources Board (CARB), our unique gas adds 11 cents to every gallon sold in California.
- By 2025, the CARB expects that cost will rise to 47 cents per gallon, an increase of 327%.



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