

# SMILE's Ocean Science Challenge



Marine Debris Ocean Sciences Challenge. Teams created a plan of action for engaging the community and addressing the long-term impacts of marine debris on ocean life and coastlines.



Bringing unrepresented youth to a university where they learn from research faculty, meet college students, and apply their knowledge to addressing a community health need creates a “vivid vision” for an academic future. Students gain a sense of how their skills address critical issues.

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