

LOS ANGELES - The National Wildlife Refuge Association (NWRA), through its Young Ambassadors and Urban Wildlife Refuge Programs, sponsored a special networking event and nature walk at the Baldwin Hills Scenic Overlook State Park on November 12, 2022, with 20 student participants from Nature Nexus Institute's internship program.

Nature Nexus Institute and Young Ambassadors programs provide opportunities for youth to engage in outdoor learning, expand their knowledge of wildlife and native plants, and open career pathways to environmental stewardship and community leadership.

Students in the program are taking an active role in restoring native coastal habitat in the heart of urban Los Angeles aimed at creating a more resilient environment that can better adapt to climate change risks where wildlife and people can thrive.

Elaine Meier, NWRA Board Member and Young Ambassadors lead, said "It was an honor for the Young Ambassadors Program at NWRA to host this event with the talented leadership at the Nature Nexus Institute. The students from Nature Nexus Institute's Baldwin Hills Greenhouse Program and the college interns inspired us all with their interest and dedication to learn more about their environment."

Nature Nexus Institute is grateful for the support and resources provided to our staff and students by the National Wildlife Refuge Association and the Young Ambassadors programs which will help us to expand community outreach and student engagement, advancing environmental conservation in the Los Angeles area.

About Young Ambassadors: To encourage and develop the younger generation's interest and participation in the survival of the country's natural environment and wildlife, the National Wildlife Refuge Association created a Young Ambassadors Program. <https://www.refugeassociation.org/youngambassadors>

About Nature Nexus Institute: NNI is founded on the belief that reciprocity between communities and nature is essential to the survival of both. We seek to provide equitable and intergenerational entry points to cultivating healthy community-nature relationships. We strive to be a nexus for science, culture, art, and research endeavors that result in a new generation of change-makers and storytellers. <https://www.naturenexusinstitute.org>

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