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Career Day

Episode #310

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Careers: **Paleontologist – Trevor Valle**

LA Philharmonic Musician – Joanne Pearce Martin

Astronomer – Dr. Ed Krupp

Park Ranger – Glen Douglas

General Synopsis for Episode #310

In this episode of *Iconic So Cal* careers, experts discuss their work, education/training to prepare for the job, and experiences as they dig, play, observe and protect. Trevor Valle is a **paleontologist** who excavates ice age mammal fossils from the La Brea Tar Pits in Los Angeles. He prepares the fossils for display and assists with research and science projects for George C. Page Museum. He shares that fossils are the key to the past and a key to the future. Musician Joanne Pearce Martin plays the keyboard for the **LA Philharmonic Symphony**. A keyboardist is someone who plays any instrument with keys from the piano to an organ. She studied music at the Curtis Institute in Philadelphia for five years. Joanne shares to be a successful keyboardist; it takes perserverence, patience and hours of practicing and rehearsing. **Astronomer** Dr. Ed Krupp is the director of Griffith Observatory, which is an observatory, museum and planetarium. He decided to become an astronomer at the age of 8. He attended graduate school specializing in ancient and prehistoric astronomy and has traveled the world searching for the connections between people and the sky. He loves the variety and the scope of his career. Glen Douglas is a **park ranger** for the Santa Monica National Recreation Area. He shares that everyday is an adventure from finding lost hikers, fighting fires, helping injured visitors and educating people about the plants and animals in the park. He loves his outdoor career and recommends anyone interested in being a park ranger go to college to get a degree in history, biology or environmental science.

Observation and Conclusion

In episode #310, young adults are introduced to talented experts that may inspire them to explore and seek out more information on these creative career opportunities. Each segment of Career Day delivers an educational and informational message that supports current social, intellectual and emotional aspects of children ages 13 and up. Attributes and advice emphasized by guests instill a grounded balance of priorities, dedication, and perseverance children can apply to their lives.

Sincerely,



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