

Marine Biotechnology and Bioinformatics

for Teachers

Project Background: The Evaluation Results



Student Populations and Locations Served by Teacher Participants

Central Coast and Southern California



Approaches to Connecting

- Teachers recruited from districts with high proportions of underrepresented students
- MBB partnered with enrichment programs for underrepresented high school students



Benefits of Participation

Teachers

- Experienced authentic science
- Mastered new information and skills
- Implemented best teaching practices
- Increased self-confidence
- Experienced cutting edge techniques
- Developed a learning community

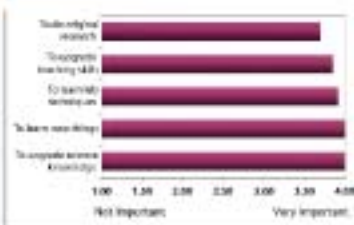


Students

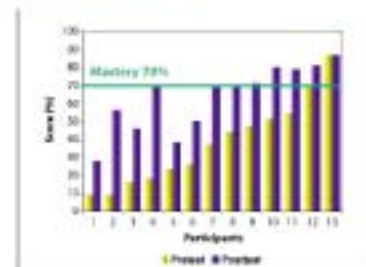
- Experienced authentic science activities
- Engaged in cutting-edge hands-on science and technology
- Saw the ocean for the first time
- Developed a college-bound peer community
- Collaborated in peer teams to present their findings
- Experienced authentic assessment

Evaluation

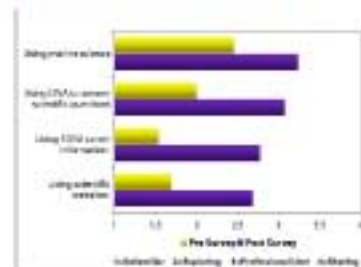
Reasons for Attending: to Learn Science



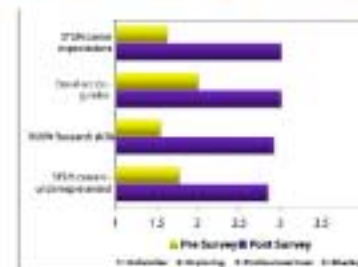
Participants Mastered the Science Lessons Learned



Participants Learned to Teach the Science More Effectively



Participants Learned to Integrate STEM Careers in Their Lessons



Evaluation Approaches

- Pre/post surveys of attitudes and knowledge
- Satisfaction surveys
- Observations and informal interviews

Lessons Learned

- Begin targeted recruitment earlier.
- Use self-paced instruction and question sessions to accommodate individual differences.

- Review daily goals, tasks, and priorities to help participants use their time more effectively.
- Use participants' goals, including STEM career component, to focus curriculum.

- Enrich out of class time, an under-exploited resource.
- The workshop motivated high school participants to study science and work harder in school.