



**“I stay connected with the Club and know that one day I will come home and give back to my community.”**

Even though her Mexican immigrant parents didn't have the opportunity, Marisol knew that she wanted to go to college. She kept her grades up, joined the Banning High School Drill Team and signed up for the College Bound and Keystone programs at the Wilmington Clubhouse of Boys & Girls Clubs of the Los Angeles Harbor for

afterschool tutoring, weekly college preparatory workshops, assistance with college and financial aid applications, and community involvement.

The Club helped Marisol think about what she wanted to do with her life. She discovered that her interest in Wilmington's many "brownfield sites" (abandoned, closed or under-used industrial or commercial facilities complicated by the possible presence of contaminants) could lead to a career.

In 2018, Marisol graduated from the University of Oregon with a B.S. in Planning, Public Policy and Management, a minor in Business Administration, and a concentration in Urban Planning. After completing a planning internship with the Land Management Division of Lane County in Oregon, she was hired as a Planning Technician. Marisol keeps close tabs on developments in the Los Angeles Harbor area so that one day she can return and work on revitalizing her hometown.

