

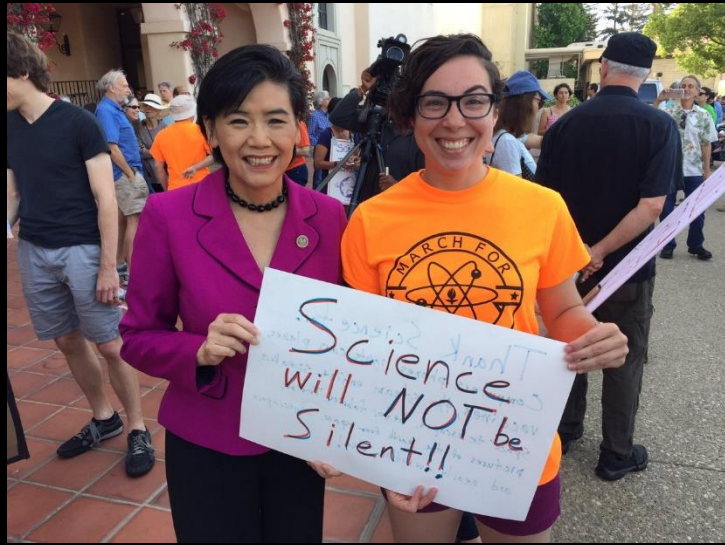
Political Engagement and Reel Science

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Talking To Your Representatives



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(UCLA)

314 Action Group To Promote Science in Public Policy

- Concerted effort to engage with local, state, and federal representatives
 - Building momentum off of March 4 Science and political climate
- Important to engage with political leaders and build relationships
- Also important to get them pumped up about current research

314 Action Group To Promote Science in Public Policy

- Currently coordinating with Government Relations Office @ Caltech (Hall Daily)
- Lunch meeting of faculty, postdocs, students from campus (not just astro) and staffers from offices of ***Rep. Judy Chu and Senator Portantino***
- Foster relations with their offices and exchange ideas on activities from both sides
- Longer term goals on improving our science communication and encouraging others to run for public office.

Reel Science : School Day Programs

- Program run by Caltech's Public Events office
- Watch a movie/documentary, and discuss it with the public
- Options of Friday (ages: 3-12) or Saturdays (general public).
- Tons of fun! Like.. A lot of fun

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Friday, December 1, 2017

10:00 am

Beckman Auditorium – Beckman Auditorium

Space—Boldly Go

Series: [School-Day Programs: Reel Science Series](#)

Space has taken us from our own planet Earth to the very edge of the universe. We have witnessed the beauty and the violence of the cosmos. But will we ever see these wonders for ourselves? Sam Neill goes in search of the technologies that may one day take our future generations to the stars.

A BBC/TLC co-production.

Rahul Patel, a postdoctoral scholar in theoretical astrophysics at Caltech, will introduce the film and guide the post-screening discussion.

Recommended for grades 3-12.