

My name is Jorge Martinez and I have worked for the Orange County Conservation Corps, since November 16th, 2005. Started as a Corpsmember and then moved up the later. During my time with the Orange County Conservation Corps I have gained a lot of experience in different fields and task duties. As a Corpsmember I worked at the Shipley's Nature Center in Huntington Beach, Bolsa Chica Conservancy in Huntington Beach and the Buy Back Center in Irvine. As an Orange County Conservation Corps Staff, I used to service all of the OC Parks, Recruited Corpsmembers for the Orange County Conservation Corps John Muir Charter School and am currently in charge of all of the Recycling for the City of Irvine.

Before enrolling in the Orange County Conservation Corps I was attending Santa Ana College and Volunteering during the Morning. My education has risen up due to the knowledge the Orange County Conservation Corps Staff brings as a whole. As a Corpsmember I learned a lot of different things such as: enrolling in the AmeriCorps Program for Scholarships, Methods in Buying a Car, How to check your Credit Score for Free and How to be ready for an Interview. As a Staff, the Education goes more into Depth. I have learned so much that it will be hard to talk about all the great things you learn: from First Aid/CPR to how to be more Productive in the Field to Special Training in Forklift. The Orange County Conservation Corps has helped me a lot when I was a Corpsmember to a Staff. The Orange County Conservation Corps has helped my life become flexible. There is a lot of understanding and acknowledgement the Orange County Conservation Corps Management and Department Managers do in order to assist the Staff the best they can. My goal for the Future is to obtain My Bachelor's Degree in Human Services from Cal State Fullerton and become a well known Youth/Child Advocate in Orange County.

The Orange County Conservation Corps is a Non-Profit who receives funding from the California Bottle Bill. This Bill is the Greatest Bill I have known about since I was a Corpsmember. Without funding the assistance, too many Youth who need help like myself at one point will not get it. I love what I do and I Believe in the Program, which is why I am giving back to the Orange County Conservation Corps. I do not want this Program to disappear like a lot of other Great Programs who get shut down for the Lack of Funding. This program teaches Participants and Staff that you can accomplish any goals you put your mind into, if you try.