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- **Student Awards** — Hollie Putnam, a former graduate student in Dr. Edmunds' lab, received a prestigious scholarship (\$14k) from the International Society for Reef Studies to fund her PhD research "*Larval response to forecast climate conditions*" at the Hawaii Institute of Marine Biology.
- **Student Publications** — William Goldenheim (advisor Dr. Edmunds) and his co-authors recently had a paper accepted in the ecology journal *Oecologia*
- **Community Service in Biodiversity** — On May 30-31, members of our department were among 120 scientists, naturalists and volunteers participating in BioBlitz 2008 in the Santa Monica National Recreation Area to observe and record as many species as possible in a 24-hr period. BioBlitz is sponsored by the National Parks Service and National Geographic in a different National Park each year. Participating were faculty and staff (Dr. Polly Schiffman, Dr. Paul Wilson, Dr. Jim Hogue, Brenda Kanno and Dr. Dave Gray) and graduate students (Ann Dorsey, Jocelyn Holt, Chris Bowman-Prideaux and Lisa Zung)
- **Research Travels** — Jessica Diaz (adv. Dr. Zavala) spent the summer at the Boyce Thompson Institute for Plant Research at Cornell University conducting research on regulation of gene expression in tomatoes.
- **Research Grants** — Dr. Steve Oppenheimer was awarded \$100k from NIH to further his research on the Mechanisms of Adhesive Interactions