The Victoria J. Bertics Summer Fellowship

On September 28, 2013, the Wrigley Institute for Environmental Studies (WIES) community lost one of our recent graduates. Victoria J. Bertics passed away after a courageous battle with breast cancer, at age 31.

Vicky was a Ph.D. student in Biological Sciences (Geobiology) at USC from 2004-2009. She conducted the majority of her research on coastal marine sediments in Catalina Harbor, and spent many summers at the Wrigley Marine Science Center (WMSC). Vicky was a dynamic member of the WMSC community as a researcher, a Wrigley/Rose Hills Summer Fellow, and a teaching assistant. She also conducted oceanographic research throughout the world from the Arctic to the South Pacific, including several expeditions to deep ocean environments aboard the submersible research vessel Alvin. Vicky graduated in 2009 and was awarded an Alexander von Humbolt Fellowship to study at the GEOMAR-Helmholtz Centre for Ocean Research in Kiel, Germany. In 2012, she received a Post Doctoral Fellowship to study deep ocean nutrient cycling at Harvard University, in Cambridge, Massachusetts.

In Vicky’s honor, the Wrigley Institute seeks your support to establish a graduate summer fellowship fund for student research at the Wrigley Marine Science Center. This fellowship will honor Vicky’s legacy at the WMSC and her impact on the scientific community. If you would like to donate, please contact Roberta Marinelli (rmarinel@usc.edu) for additional information on how your gift will be directed.