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## club scene

### Girls Inc. hires new Eureka and teen coordinator

Former Girls Inc. of Carpinteria volunteer Kenya Rodriguez was recently hired as the organization's new Eureka! and teen coordinator. In her new role, Rodriguez will design, implement and manage summer programming at U.C. Santa Barbara, monthly meetings and activities throughout the school year, as well as the Eureka! externship component - working to expose local teens to a continuum of hands-on programming with the ultimate goal of seeing them through to college and careers.

"Girls Inc. of Carpinteria played an important role in my life growing up, providing me with the skills to discover my passions and strengths," said Rodriguez. "Returning to Girls Inc. is an opportunity for me to give back to a great organization that elevates the Carpinteria community and brings a brighter future to strong, smart and bold girls."

Rodriguez previously served as a behavior interventionist with Addison Behavior Resources in Camarillo, where she provided Applied Behavior Analysis techniques and behavioral services to children with autism, Down's syndrome and other special needs.

She holds a bachelor's degree in women's and gender studies from the University of Redlands. Born and raised in Santa Barbara, she has been an active volunteer in the community since high school, when she was first introduced to Girls Inc. of Carpinteria.



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**Kenya Rodriguez has come full circle to work at the organization where she volunteered in high school.**