Student Yearbook
Eddy is a self-described “techie.” At just 10 years old, he dismantled a computer and put it back together just to learn more about how it worked. He also has a keen interest in nature and came on course with EPI to learn about what it might take to become a Galapagos Park ranger. Through participating in hands-on research activities in the field and learning about methods for data collection, he realized that he could fuse his top two passions - technology and nature.

Going on course inspired Joca to continue learning and giving back. It taught her to challenge herself and believe that she is capable of achieving much more than she ever thought she could. Joca says she finds comfort in knowing she is part of a larger movement of people in her own community and around the globe who want to make the world a better place. As an individual, she knows that just by making simple choices, like with the products she purchases, she can influence change on a much larger scale.
“Where I come from, nobody pays attention to sea turtles, and it’s common to see people selling their eggs. It was a whole new experience for me to see people working so hard day and night to protect this threatened species. I really liked being a part of that effort.”

Gaudy was an eager and inquisitive student right out of the gate - jumping enthusiastically into activities and revealing herself as a natural leader. She loves sea turtles, being outdoors, and spending time in a place so different from her hometown. Gaudy was especially impacted by taking an active role in protecting sea turtles and learning about human impact on their survival.

“I feel prepared now to explore different careers - possibly in environmental education, so I can teach people more about the value of animals in our ecosystem.”

Raised on a horse ranch in rural Montana, Deyo developed a deep respect for all creatures great and small. Before going on course with EPI, he didn’t know how his interest in animals might translate to a career outside of ranching. Deyo was curious about how the researchers, biologists, and EPI instructors got their jobs and spent a lot of time on course getting to know them and learning about the education and training that got them where they are today.