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NEW 2010 INTERNSHIP ANNOUNCED WITH NATIONAL PARK SERVICE

CHICAGO, November 15, 2009 – The Our World-Underwater Scholarship Society today announces that the National Park Service's Submerged Resource Center will sponsor a new summer internship in the summer of 2010.

The three month internship is designed to allow a promising young person to experience the wide range of diving, research, public safety and ocean policy work that is happening in our National Parks. Applicants must be at least 20 years of age at the start of the internship and can work with the Submerged Resources Center, one or more of the 72 NPS ocean parks, any available NPS dive team in the National Park System, or one of the numerous NPS centers and branches that are actively working on ocean policy.

The creation of this new internship increases the total number of 2010 summer internships to six. Other internships will be offered at the American Academy of Underwater Sciences (AAUS), the Aquarena Center, Divers Alert Network (DAN), Reef Environmental Education Foundation (REEF), and *Sport Diver Magazine*. The OW-USS Summer internships are offered for a 1 to 3 month period and are primarily directed at college undergraduates and graduating seniors. Internship recipients receive a grant to help fund travel to/from site, room and board, and a stipend to cover living expenses. The application deadline is January 31, 2010.

"Being able to offer this internship through the Submerged Resources Center is an exciting opportunity for the Scholarship Society," said President George Wozencraft. "The selected intern will gain valuable real-life experience through working with an exceptionally capable group of professionals."

"We are proud of our managers, diving rangers and scientists and believe that the National Park Service can provide exceptional life experiences for the talented and motivated young people who are Our World Underwater Scholars" said Dave Conlin, Acting Chief of the Submerged Resources Center. "The National Park Service has the oldest non-military diving program in the federal government and celebrates 50 years of work in parks this year. NPS divers work on more tasks in more diverse areas than just about any other diving agency in the world, and we are pleased to partner with the Our World-Underwater Scholarship Society to bring these experiences to some of America's best and brightest young people."

About the Our World-Underwater Scholarship Society

For more than 35 years the Our World-Underwater Scholarship Society (OWUSS) has offered experience-based educational scholarships and internships. Our goal is to foster the development of future leaders of the marine environment by investing in young people who are interested in an underwater-related career.

For more information, visit <http://www.owuscholarship.org/internships/current.aspx>

About the National Park Service and the Submerged Resources Center

The National Park Service has the oldest non-military diving program in the federal government and has direct management responsibility for more than 3.5 million acres of submerged land and a coastline longer than the country of Brazil. The Submerged Cultural Resources Center was established in 1980 to conduct research on submerged cultural resources throughout the National Park System. One of the unit's primary responsibilities is to disseminate the results of research to National Park Service managers, as well as the professional community, in a form that meets resource management needs and adds to our understanding of the resource base.

For more information, visit www.nps.gov/submerged