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OCEAN INSTITUTE ANNOUNCES NEW LEADERSHIP

(DANA POINT, CA, OCTOBER 21) The Ocean Institute announces changes in top leadership, including the creation of the Office of the President to include President of Finance and Administration and President of Education and Operations.

The board of directors elected Lane Avery to serve as President of Finance and Administration. Avery has served as CFO for the Ocean Institute for three years and brings previous experience from Fluor, FDIC, Grant Thornton, Arthur Andersen, and Oracle. Lane is a CPA (inactive) with an MBA from the University of Houston.

Dr. Wendy Marshall was elected to serve as President of Education and Operations. Marshall joined Ocean Institute in 2017 as Vice President of Education and brings leadership experience in education organizations in for-profit and non-profit sectors, including USC, Houghton Mifflin, College Board, and the Discovery Cube. Wendy has a doctorate in education from USC, where she earned the Dissertation of the Year award for her research in 2012.

Chairman of the board, Michael Torcaso, said “Lane Avery and Wendy Marshall will lead the organization with a renewed focus on core programs built on over forty years of excellence, as well as developing new revenue streams in the areas of retail, events, development, and partnerships.”

About Ocean Institute
Ocean Institute is a highly respected ocean science, maritime history and experiential education nonprofit located in Dana Point Harbor, California. Its modern campus is adjacent to the Dana Point State Marine Conservation Area, and encompasses 33,000 square feet of hands-on exhibits, science labs and an aquarium collection of 1,100 live specimens of local marine life. Central to its unique identity throughout California, Ocean Institute operates two impressive tall ships, Spirit of Dana Point and Pilgrim, a replica of the ship made famous by Richard Henry Dana Jr. in his epic memoir “Two Years Before the Mast.” Ocean Institute also operates the 70-foot research vessel Sea Explorer. Over a span of forty years Ocean Institute has enriched the lives of two million California students with a mission of “using the ocean as our classroom, we inspire children to learn.” Ocean Institute serves over 100,000 students, teachers and families each year with a hands-on approach to ocean-related science, research and conservation. Ocean Institute’s diverse elementary, middle and high school program inventory is STEM-focused and aligned with California Common Core Standards. To
learn more about Ocean Institute, including the annual Tall Ships Festival presented by Toshiba and the 17th Annual Jazz Festival, please visit www.oceaninstitute.org.

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