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Ocean Institute’s Marine and Environmental Sciences College Fair

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Ocean Institute is thrilled to be hosting a Marine and Environmental Sciences College Fair on March 27 sponsored by The Nicholas Endowment, to provide students with post-high school, college, and career pathways. Nova Southeastern University (FL), SUNY Maritime College (NY), University of Plymouth (UK), and University of Southampton (UK) are also sponsors of Ocean Institute’s inaugural fair.

“Ocean Institute has a passion for developing the next generation of environmental stewards, explorers, and researchers. Our fair bridges the gap from K-12 to post-secondary by providing students with a full day of presentations from diverse programs and options,” said CEO and President, Dr. Wendy Marshall.

During the fair, there will be student and alumni panels, university exhibits, live presentations, and more. This fair will allow students to learn more in-depth about programs across the nation and talk to representatives from these institutions.

Ocean advocate, TV personality, and science communicator Danni Washington will be the keynote speaker for this year’s fair. Washington is currently a correspondent on Mission Unstoppable with host Miranda Cosgrove who is also co-Executive Producer alongside fellow actor Geena Davis. She also is the first African American woman to host her own science television series, called Xploration Nature Knows Best.

Participating institutions include Alaska Pacific University (AK), California State University Fullerton Department of Biological Science (CA), California State University, Long Beach (CA), California State University Maritime (CA), Cape Fear Community College Marine Technology (NC), Eckerd College (FL),

“We are thankful to our sponsors for enabling us to provide this program at no cost. Access is a big issue in higher education and removing the cost of admission to the conference opens the door for all students to participate,” said Dr. Marshall.

**The Virtual College Fair Ticket Prices:**
- Attendees (students, parents, counselors): Free
- Exhibitors (colleges & universities): $250.00
- Sponsors (foundations, companies, colleges & universities): $750.00

For more information and a full list of participating institutions, please go to [www.oceaninstitute.org](http://www.oceaninstitute.org), or call (949) 496-2274.

**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 Dana Point’s 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 a tall ship, *Spirit of Dana Point*, and the 70-foot research vessel Sea Explorer. Over more than 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. [www.oceaninstitute.org](http://www.oceaninstitute.org).

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