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SoundWaters Welcomes Norwalk Students as High School Interns

Amanda Barker and Nicholas Granata Selected as Spring 2017 Interns

Stamford, CT – SoundWaters, the Stamford-based environmental education organization, has chosen two students from Norwalk for its spring internship program. Brien McMahon senior, Amanda Barker and Nicholas Granata, a senior at Trinity Catholic in Stamford, will be working for five weeks at the organization’s Coastal Education Center at Cove Island Park in Stamford. The Norwalk duo is part of a larger group of spring interns from several high schools who, instead of attending classes for the final weeks of their high school careers, work in internships to experience a real-world business environment.

At SoundWaters, Barker and Granata will work every day alongside and under the guidance of SoundWaters’ professional educators, teaching the science of Long Island Sound to elementary and middle school students from schools across the region. They are helping students in a classroom and lab setting, but also on the beach and in boats on Holly Pond where their young students do their field work. Over the five week period of their internship, they will work with over 1900 students from 13 elementary schools.

“SoundWaters is an amazing organization and I am lucky to have this internship. I get to work outside around the water with kids and help them learn about Long Island Sound and how to protect the environment,” said Granata, who will be attending the University of New England in the fall. “I enjoy helping the students, but I’m also learning a lot about Long Island Sound myself and how a non-profit works,” Granata added.

“The SoundWaters High School Internship Program is a model for professional development and environmental stewardship. Our interns develop their job and leadership skills on a daily basis as they perform scientific experiments, aquarium maintenance and assist with our STEM programs, reaching over 100 students each day. The SoundWaters intern program is a powerful learning experience,” said Alisha Milardo, SoundWaters Vice President of Education.

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About SoundWaters

SoundWaters, founded in 1989, is the premier environmental education organization focused on the protection of Long Island Sound and its watershed. Annually, SoundWaters hosts shipboard and land-based programs for 32,000 children, including 11,000 from underserved communities. SoundWaters works in partnership with schools, communities, civic organizations, businesses and other environmental and educational organizations to develop experiences that foster a sense of responsibility for the environment and encourage actions that ensure the sustainable future of the Long Island Sound ecosystem. For more information, please visit SoundWaters.org

Images Attached: Brien McMahan High School senior intern, Amanda Barker and Trinity Catholic senior, Nicholas Granata, both Norwalk residents, taking a break between teaching classes at SoundWaters at Cove Island Park in Stamford.

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