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## **SoundWaters Welcomes Immaculate HS Senior as Intern**

### **Immaculate High School Senior, Lin Vitarloo, Selected as Spring 2019 Intern**

*Stamford, CT* – SoundWaters, the Stamford-based environmental education organization, has welcomed Immaculate High School senior, Lin Vitarloo of Newtown, for its spring internship program. Vitarloo has been working for five weeks at the organization’s Coastal Education Center at Cove Island Park in Stamford. She is part of a larger group of spring interns from several area 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, Vitarloo will be working every day alongside and under the guidance of SoundWaters professional educators, teaching the science of Long Island Sound to pre-school, elementary and middle school students from schools across the region. She is helping students in a classroom and lab setting, but also on the beach and in boats on Holly Pond where her young students do their field work. Over the five week period of her internship, Vitarloo will work with over 1900 students.

“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 Vitarloo, who will be attending Mount Saint Mary College 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,” Vitarloo 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 Jess Castoro, SoundWaters Assistant Education Director.

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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](http://SoundWaters.org)

**Image Attached:** Immaculate High School senior intern, Lin Vitarloo, takes a break between teaching classes at SoundWaters at Cove Island Park in Stamford.

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