STATE SCHOLARSHIPS HELP TEACHERS TAKE OCEAN LESSONS TO THE CLASSROOM

LONG BEACH—As experts and environmentalists from around the world devise ways to save California’s ocean, almost three dozen teachers are picking up real world lesson plans thanks to an innovative scholarship program.

The fourth California and the World Ocean conference was held in Long Beach September 2006, with 1,000 attendees from California and around the world. Topics as varied as sea otters, detecting pollution quickly and building suburbs so they don’t add to water pollution were examined by world-class experts.

Classes of another kind, kindergarten to 12th grade, were represented by more than 30 teachers who were participating and will teach their students versions of some lessons learned. They will also bring to their classes a renewed appreciation of the economic and ecological value the ocean has for the state. The teachers’ participation was made possible by scholarships paid for by the State Water Board. They were awarded by Cal/EPA, the state’s Environmental Protection Agency.

Water Board chair Tam M. Doduc observed, “This is a long-term investment. Environmental protection isn’t just a lifetime commitment; it demands that the message and the passion to protect our world be transmitted into the future. What better way is there to help the next generation understand the job ahead than aiding teachers acquire first hand knowledge?”

The $20,000 program paid for the teacher’s conference registration, travel, and living expenses. It also compensated their school districts for the cost of substitutes. The teachers came to Long Beach from 12 counties and represent charter schools, public schools, and parochial schools.

A complete list of scholarship recipients is below:

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