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Subject: FW: NGGREC Intern Symposium

This is a great intern program at the Riverlands Project... Patrick, this is really great. I will share in here as well. Mary

Respectfully,
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From: McGinnis, Patrick MVS
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Subject: FW: NGGREC Intern Symposium

You all should be extremely proud of this intern program. It's not only producing great work and awareness and giving these students the opportunity of a life time but it is being professionally presented in a way that makes marketing its importance all that much easier. It simply smacks of quality...and deservedly so.

The Federal Government, particularly The Corps and its water resource professionals have been a great beneficiary of this program. The interns you have provided us with have been consistently impressive. We now have had interns from all over the U.S. placed with staff from two Corps Districts, in the field and in our District office, at our applied river engineering lab and with our national environmental laboratory at Vicksburg, Miss. Perhaps in the near future an intern could be placed in our DC headquarters to work a water policy assignment.

Giving these students this unique opportunity to more fully understand the challenges of the Federal role in Water Resource Development empowers them in a very unique and compelling way. I really commend your vision.

Again, congratulations!

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From: Pitrolo, Elizabeth A MVS
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Subject: NGGREC Intern Symposium

NGGREC Team--

Just wanted let everyone know that the 2009 NGGREC Intern Symposium will be held Monday (10AM to 4PM) and Tuesday (9AM to 2:30PM) next week, July 27 and 28, at our own National Great Rivers Museum at Mel Price Locks and Dam. The Intern Symposium represents the culmination of the two months of research activities performed by the 25 interns in this year's program. Five of the interns this year were placed with Corps of Engineers mentors:

Vince Giammaria, GIS Analysis of the Interior Least Tern, Mentor: Ms. Sarah Miller, St. Louis District, Rivers Project Office Rachael Schmidt, Swimming Performance of Juvenile Silver Carp in the Presence of Boundary Layers, Mentors: Dr. Jan Hoover and Dr. Jack Kilgore, ERDC Erin Hilligoss-Volkman, Environmental Education and Outreach: The Mississippi Flows Through a Classroom Near You, Mentor: Ms. Kim Rea, St. Louis District, National Great Rivers Museum Michael Rhaesa, Migratory Shorebird Projects at the Riverlands Migratory Bird Sanctuary, Mentor: Mr. Pat McGinnis, St. Louis District, Rivers Project Office Benjamin Greeling, Development of the Mississippi Water Trail and the Potential Economic Significance, Mentor: Mr. Andy Schimpf, St. Louis District, Rivers Project Office

Other interns did important work with our partners, everything from shaping policy with the Illinois Governor's Office to investigating harvest of asian carp with the Illinois Natural History Survey to a study of the Atchafalaya River Floodway with Southern University at Baton Rouge. I have attached the program brochure, which contains each intern's research abstract. I'm sure you will find many of these topics interesting, and you are cordially invited to attend, your time permitting. There is no need to RSVP.

Please feel free to forward this e-mail to anyone you feel would benefit. To all who served as mentors this year, thanks again.

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