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Six Marine Scientists discuss “When Ocean Science is the Family Business” at the annual Norris Lecture on Thursday, November 20

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SANTA CRUZ, CA--A panel of six marine scientists (three married couples) from across the Monterey Bay area will provide a unique perspective on work, family, and the future of our blue planet, during the annual Ken Norris Memorial Lecture at the Seymour Marine Discovery Center on Thursday, November 20, from 7 to 8:30 PM. This event titled, *When Ocean Science is the Family Business*, is free and open to the public. Michael Watkins, Superintendent of Santa Cruz County Schools, will moderate this unique conversation. Seating is limited; doors open at 6:30 PM.

Marine scientists have the opportunity to travel to some of the most fascinating places on Earth. They work with an array of interesting and dedicated people from around the globe. This group of six scientists is homebased here—the Monterey Bay—one of the most iconic places to study the ocean. They also have more than their careers in common; they are three married couples.

This lively discussion will focus on the choices that have brought them to this current point in their lives and careers. They will discuss how the field of ocean study has changed, the challenges and surprises, and the adventure of working together in this exciting field. This family-friendly event is a must for anyone considering ocean science as a career, for those guiding the next generation, and for general interest as well. Recommended for children 10 and older.

The Kenneth Norris Memorial Lecture is named after acclaimed scientist, naturalist, teacher, and conservationist, Kenneth S. Norris. Norris was a professor of natural history at UC Santa Cruz for 18 years. His legacy includes helping to found UC Santa Cruz's Long Marine Laboratory and the campus's Institute of Marine Sciences. He is nationally known for his pioneering research with dolphins and his efforts to establish the University of California's Natural Reserve System. He was a key author of the federal Marine Mammal Protection Act of 1972.

Sponsored by Naomi Kirschenbaum

For more information about this event, please call the Seymour Center at (831) 459-3800.

Overlooking the Monterey Bay National Marine Sanctuary, the Seymour Center is a "living classroom" featuring exhibits, aquariums, touch pools, whale skeletons, full-scale elephant seal models, the Ocean Discovery Shop, and unsurpassed ocean vistas. The aquariums and exhibits feature the everyday tools of ocean exploration and focus on research conducted by scientists locally and around the world. Interactive stations provide hands-on learning experiences, and docents lead tours and bring marine science to life. The Seymour Center is located at the end of Delaware Avenue in Santa Cruz.

WHAT:

Ken Norris Memorial Lecture at the Seymour Marine Discovery Center: *When Ocean Science is the Family Business: A unique perspective on work, family, and the future of our blue planet.*

FEATURING:

Speakers

- Giacomo Bernardi, Professor, Ecology and Evolutionary Biology, University of California, Santa Cruz
- Nicole Crane, Senior Conservation Scientist, Oceanic Society; Biology Professor, Cabrillo College
- Jim Harvey, Director, Moss Landing Marine Laboratories
- Mary Yoklavich, Fisheries Research Biologist and Supervisor, NOAA Fisheries
- Don Croll, Professor, Ecology and Evolutionary Biology, University of California, Santa Cruz
- Diana Steller, Research Faculty / Diving Safety Officer, Moss Landing Marine Laboratories

Moderator

Michael Watkins, Superintendent of Santa Cruz County Schools

WHEN:

Thursday, November 20, 2014
7 to 8:30 PM

WHERE:

Seymour Marine Discovery Center at Long Marine Lab
End of Delaware Avenue
Santa Cruz, CA 95060

ADMISSION:

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