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RiverQuest welcomes new Director to the helm

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Paul M. King has been appointed as RiverQuest's new Executive Director. Mr. King received his B.S. in business administration from Duquesne University and his Juris Doctor degree from University of Pittsburgh School of Law. Paul was most recently the Director, Environmental Health and Safety for Duquesne University, and has held numerous leadership positions in environmental management and law in private industry, academics, government and civic organizations. His awards for contributions to environmental law include a 2009 lifetime achievement award from the Institute for Professional Environmental Practice.

Jeffrey Jordan was also named Assistant Executive Director, Education Programs and Boat Operations. Jeff has served as RiverQuest Director of Education since 2003.

RiverQuest plans to serve 6,000 school-age students onboard *Explorer* -- one of a few ADA-accessible vessels of its kind in the tri-state region, and the only green education vessel of its kind in the world -- with an array of hands-on river programs anchored by it's award-winning flagship program, Environmental Science on the Three Rivers, and new offerings including combination field trips with Carnegie Science Center and Heinz History Center. New winter programming includes a high school field trip program sponsored by Bayer, focused on how environmental and energy-related issues relate to the ever-changing economy of the Pittsburgh region. RiverQuest also plans to serve 5,000 additional residents of southwestern Pennsylvania in weekend public programs presented in partnership with Carnegie Science Center, with a planned kick-off during the upcoming Labor Day weekend.

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About RiverQuest

RiverQuest, formerly Pittsburgh Voyager, is an award-winning not-for-profit education organization offering river-based educational programs for students, teachers, and the community. RiverQuest also provides a range of public programs, including interpretive cruises and private charters for businesses, organizations and the public.

RiverQuest's mission is to connect people to their environment through river education adventures. Since launching programs in 1995 as Pittsburgh Voyager, RiverQuest has served nearly 80,000 individuals through onboard education programming. More than 64,000 elementary, middle and high school students representing 239 schools from 66 school districts in 11 western Pennsylvania counties have participated in standards-based learning programs, with themes ranging from environmental science and regional history to physical science and mathematics. Along with students, more than 2,500 teachers and college students and 17,000 members of the general public have participated in RiverQuest programs.

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