

# LINDBLAD EXPEDITIONS AND EDUCATION



**F**rom the beginning, Lindblad Expeditions has been dedicated to promoting educational opportunities. Our belief is that by exposing adults and children to the wonders of the world, we will help foster the next generation of committed citizens who care about the future of our planet. Our educational outreach consists of awareness campaigns, the support of research on our oceans and our seas, and the provision of scholarships for educators and young people to learn about our world.

## Some of our educational initiatives include:



Gilbert M. Grosvenor

### Grosvenor Teacher Fellowships

The Grosvenor Teacher Fellowships were established in 2007 to honor National Geographic Society Chairman Gilbert M. Grosvenor's lifetime commitment to geographic education. These fellowships were donated in perpetuity to the National Geographic Society by Lindblad Expeditions' Founder, Sven-Olof Lindblad, to mark Grosvenor's 75th birthday and to honor his service in enhancing and improving geographic education across the United States.

The annual fellowships are awarded to K-12 teachers who demonstrate excellence in

geographic education. The selected teachers, nominated by their state geography alliances, travel on a Lindblad ship to one of the company's many destinations around the world.

### The Kalpana Chawla Ocean Journey Scholarships

Launched in 2008, the Kalpana Chawla Ocean Journey Scholarship is offered to young adults who show a strong interest in the oceans.

The scholarship is named in honor of Kalpana Chawla – an astronaut who perished aboard the Columbia Space Shuttle in 2003. Ms. Chawla's abiding love of the ocean and her interest in the work of Blue Ocean President and Co-Founder, Dr. Carl Safina, led her to bring Safina's acclaimed book *Song for the Blue Ocean* on her final mission. NASA investigators recovered a piece of the book among the debris from the tragic accident.



Together, Blue Ocean and Lindblad Expeditions hope to inspire young people to develop a lifelong interest in the oceans and a commitment

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to ensuring its future. Our joint goals are to expand students' knowledge and further the spirit of Kalpana's commitment to conservation. We are pleased to provide an opportunity for selected students to explore the beauty and wonder of our earth and to honor Ms. Chawla's adventurous, courageous spirit.

### **Environmental Education Centers**

In Galápagos, Lindblad Expeditions sponsors the Charles Darwin Foundation's (CDF) Environmental Education Centers in Santa Cruz, San Cristobal and Isabela islands. One example of a program at the CDF center is the "Friends of Tortoises Kids Club" (Amigos de las Tortugas), which is one of the main vehicles used to impart environmental education to kids.

### **Teachers on Board**

In June 1999, Lindblad Expeditions launched the "Teachers on board" program for K-12 teachers in the Galápagos Islands. The program's goal is to take all Galápagos teachers on a full-week's journey through the remote and pristine parts of

the archipelago – the uninhabited areas that are difficult, if not impossible, to get to without a certified naturalist. As of January 2009, more than 225 teachers have participated in Lindblad's "Teachers on Board" Program since its inception.



### **Kids on Board**

As an outgrowth of our "Teachers on Board" program, the "Kids on Board" was developed in 2007. Through "Kids on Board," Lindblad naturalists and crew members invite local students on board for a morning or afternoon visit. To date, nearly 400 students from Galápagos have participated in this program.

