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Caption: DDWS associate director Sarah Lathrop with Carrie Alexander at her send-off party at the refuge.

Caption: Sierra Hoisington

‘Ding’ Darling Wildlife Society announce staff changes

The “Ding” Darling Wildlife Society-Friends of the Refuge (DDWS) recently announced two permanent staff changes.

Philanthropic coordinator Carrie Alexander resigns her post as of May 17. Alexander, who began as an intern three years ago, has held her current position for two years. “A geology and environmental science student from Hanover College in Indiana, she graduated in May 2015 and joined DDWS in September of that year.

Alexander will be moving to Sydney, Australia, to pursue her love of conservation in an entirely new habitat.

"While bittersweet, we are excited about this next step in her life and wish her all the very best," said DDWS executive director Birgie Miller. "She has grown into a valued member of our team and will be missed a great deal."

Senior intern Sierra Hoisington recently joined the DDWS staff in a fulltime capacity and will be taking over the position vacated by Alexander. Hoisington, a graduate of Clemson University with a bachelor’s degree in wildlife and fisheries biology, began in the position of DDWS intern in fall 2016. In her new position, she will be assisting with events, educational outreach, donor stewardship, photography contest, and all fundraising efforts.

“Sierra's passion for 'Ding' Darling and conservation overall is infectious,” said Sarah Lathrop, DDWS associate director. “She has become a crucial part of the 'Ding' team and we are so happy she will be joining us full-time.”

ABOUT DDWS

As a non-profit 501(c)3 organization, DDWS works to support J.N. “Ding” Darling National Wildlife Refuge’s mission of conservation, wildlife and habitat protection, research, and public education through charitable donations and Refuge Nature Shop proceeds.

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