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Nearly Four Million Oysters Planted



September 13, 2015 — Seventeen volunteers came out early Sunday morning to plant over 500 bushels, or about twelve tons, of spat-on-shell in the St. Mary's River adjacent to St. Mary's College of Maryland. The oysters were struck in our on-shore nursery during the

months of June and July.

"Our spat-on-shell was more heavily struck than in other years and the oysters will be overcrowded as they grow," said Association Executive Director Bob Lewis, noting that many of the individual shells hosted more than thirty spat (baby oysters). He said that since the planting area was a sanctuary, the densely struck shells would not matter. "As they grow, the clumps of baby oysters push apart from each other."

Students from Great Mills High School STEM Academy with Mr. Skinner joined students from St. Mary's College and community members who worked together and quickly to complete the planting in about two hours. Unfortunately, our photographer showed up just as the planting ended. If any of the participants have photos, we would be pleased if you would share them with us.

President Tuajuanda Jordan Inspires Attendees at Annual Meeting

St. Mary's College of Maryland president, Dr. Tuajuanda Jordan, was the keynote speaker at the Association's annual meeting September 19 at the Ruddy Duck

Seafood and Alehouse. Overlooking St. George Creek, a tributary to the St. Mary's, the audience was delighted with Jordan's words of inspiration and her pledge to continue partnering with the Association to restore the health of our river.



The event was covered by TheBayNet.com ([Read the Article](#)) and Dr. Jordan has made her transcript available on our website at: <http://www.smrwa.org/pdfdocs/jordan2015-09-19.pdf>

Kayak Winner Announce at RiverFest Sept. 26

Congratulations to Kevin McCarthy as he is this year's winner of the kayak raffle! Kevin purchased six tickets for \$10 at Earth Day on the Square on April 19, 2015.



Association interns Chandler Wyatt and Meghan Webster shared the spotlight when Chandler drew the winning ticket and Meghan publicly congratulated the winner.

An overjoyed Kevin picked his kayak this week and said, "I can't wait to learn how to do this."



Upcoming Events:

- There are no events scheduled.

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To protect, improve, and promote the sustainability of the St. Mary's River Watershed through the collaborative efforts of economic, agricultural, environmental, social, cultural, and political stakeholders in the community.

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