

Ocean Heroes Network and HP Launch Inaugural Issue of The OH-WAKE Magazine for Young Activists Everywhere

Created by youth activists from around the globe, the first-of-its kind magazine bridges the digital equity gap to empower lifelong learners and propel the future of ocean conservation.

NEW YORK CITY, NY and PALO ALTO, CA (June 8, 2021) – [Ocean Heroes Network](#) (OHN), a non-profit program co-founded by [Captain Planet Foundation](#) and [Lonely Whale](#) that embraces and promotes the global youth movement to positively impact the ocean and wellbeing of our planet, announces today the launch of the OH-WAKE Magazine with generous support from [HP Inc.](#) Edited by six global youth leaders, OH-WAKE is a resource for children, young adults and their families who care deeply for and wish to take more action to protect and replenish the ocean.

OHN envisions a world in which our most powerful leaders - youth - have equal access to the tools and resources to grow, thrive and work together. With nearly [460 million](#) youth out of school due to the pandemic, addressing the access gap is now more critical than ever. Furthering its commitment to digital equity and climate action, HP teamed up with OHN to help provide access to educational content written by youth activists for youth activists about ocean conservation, social justice and equality through a combination of printed and digital materials.

“As an Ocean Hero, knowledge is a necessary and powerful tool,” said OH-WAKE youth contributing editor Oluwaseyi Moejoh. “With greater access to information and resources, I have been able to refine the work I do and earn support from organizations across the globe, like the Ocean Heroes Network. I am honored to contribute to the OH-WAKE magazine alongside five other amazing Ocean Heroes and am particularly excited to inspire more kids and teens around the world to be a part of the solution against plastic pollution.”

“We are thrilled to help provide young leaders around the world with a platform to tell their stories, inspire their peers and garner more awareness for ocean conservation,” said Anneliese Olson, general manager and global head, Print Category, HP Inc. “Today’s youth have the most at stake in the fight against the ocean plastics crisis. When we talk about environmental crises, we must also recognize the impact on people in our communities. By advancing access to resources, technology and digital literacy, we help raise the bar for all.”

Recognizing the importance of the Magazine to appeal to young readers, six global youth leaders who have demonstrated excellence through the Ocean Heroes program serve as contributing editors. In each quarterly issue their unique perspectives, wisdom, and optimism drive the editorial strategy. Each issue includes personal stories and poems, fun games, and whimsical graphics, inspiring readers to find their voice and to take the action needed to create a healthier ocean.

“Youth carry with them an unbound belief that anything is possible, and deserve a future that matches their aspirations” said Dune Ives, executive director of Lonely Whale. “We believe strongly that knowledge is power and information should be made freely available to all.”

“With the support of HP we are able to make the OH-WAKE Magazine available digitally and in print to youth across the United States” said Leesa Carter-Jones, CEO of Captain Planet Foundation. “This is an incredible gift that will help to build agency, digital equity and inspire a love for lifelong learning.”

In “Let’s Talk About Ocean Plastic”, the inaugural issue of the OH-WAKE Magazine, the Ocean Hero contributing editors present the urgency of the plastic pollution crisis through the power of storytelling and activism. Their call to action to aspiring Ocean Heroes is one of equity, social justice and the importance of collaboration. Through their involvement in [Ocean Heroes Network](#), these youth editors each have developed invaluable leadership skills, implemented successful ocean-positive campaigns and become proactive members of a climate conscious community:

- **Diego Arreola**, age 18 from Mexico City; founder of [Green Speaking](#), a nonprofit organization that aims to educate on intersectional environmentalism
- **Heather Brockbank**, age 18 from Freeport, Grand Bahama; youth environmentalist and advocate
- **Chanté Davis**, age 17 from Spring, Texas; founder of the [One Oysean](#) campaign and writer
- **Dejea Lyons**, age 18 from Grand Cayman; vice president of [Protect Our Future](#), an environmental campaign led by multiple Ocean Heroes
- **Oluwaseyi Moejoh**, age 19 from Lagos, Nigeria; co-founder of [U-Recycle Initiative Africa](#) and law student
- **Hannah Testa**, age 18 from Atlanta; sustainability advocate, international speaker, author, and founder of [Hannah4Change](#)

“The Ocean Heroes Network is a demonstration of the power of collaboration and with the launch of the OH-WAKE Magazine as an innovative new resource, we hope even more youth are inspired to create a future for Clean Seas,” said Barbara Hendrie, Director, UN Environment Programme (UNEP), North America.

The first issue will be published on June 8, 2021, World Oceans Day, and is free to view and download on both www.oceanheroeshq.com/OH-WAKE and the HP Printables site hp.com/lonelywhale. Printed magazines may be purchased on oceanheroeshq.com/oh-wake. HP Printables can be accessed in 25 countries worldwide and the printed version will be distributed nationwide through [HP’s Turn to Learn initiative](#), which delivers educational content curated from leading scientific, publishing and media companies to teachers, students and youth organizations within their partnership network.

For more information on Ocean Heroes virtual Bootcamp, including updates on the upcoming 2021 Bootcamp, visit www.oceanheroeshq.com/bootcamp. The next global bootcamp will be held virtually from June 24-27 and interested youth can sign up now for Basic Training on the website.

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ABOUT OCEAN HEROES NETWORK

Co-founded in 2017 by [Captain Planet Foundation](#) and [Lonely Whale](#), the Ocean Heroes Network (OHN) is a non-profit program that embraces and promotes the global youth movement to positively impact the ocean and wellbeing of our planet for generations to come. Ocean Heroes Network organizes and hosts local, regional, and global youth Bootcamps; virtual and in-person experiences that give existing and emerging youth activists the leadership training, access to experts, and community they need to transform their passion for ocean health into campaigns that support the attainment of the UN Sustainable Development Goals. In support of SDG 14.1 the OHN has joined forces with the UN Environment Program's [Tide Turners Plastic Challenge Badge Program](#). For more information on Ocean Heroes virtual Bootcamp, visit www.oceanheroeshq.com. You can also connect with Ocean Heroes HQ on [Twitter](#), [Facebook](#) and [Instagram](#).

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