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Student Transportation Interpreters to Spend Summer in Cuyahoga Valley National Park

National Park Foundation and Ford Motor Company sends 18 students to work in 15 national parks across the country

Brecksville, Ohio - Superintendent John P. Debo Jr. announced today that Cuyahoga Valley National Park received two student transportation interpreters, thanks to the National Park Foundation and through the generous support of Ford Motor Company, Proud Partner of America's National Parks. Angelica M. Valdes Valderrama from Puerto Rico and Robin Clancy from Brecksville, Ohio will spend the summer in the park through August working to increase visitor knowledge of utilizing Cuyahoga Valley Scenic Railroad as an alternative form of transportation.

Angelica and Robin are two of the eighteen students who will work in fifteen national parks across the country this summer providing visitors with invaluable information about the many alternative modes of transportation available to them within national parks. The Ford Transportation Interpreter Program is made possible through a partnership between the National Park Foundation, the National Park Service, and Ford Motor Company.

“We are pleased to have Angelica and Robin with us this summer. They assist park staff by providing quality interpretive programming to the public riding on the Cuyahoga Valley Scenic Railroad and visiting the Peninsula Depot Visitor Center,” said Debo, “We could not maintain our level of service to the public without the support of the Ford Transportation Interpreter Program. We truly appreciate being to be a part of this wonderful program.”

As a Proud Partner of America's National Parks, Ford is working closely with the National Park Foundation and the National Park Service to help develop innovative transportation and environmental solutions that enable visitors to enjoy the nearly 400 national parks without compromising their beauty. The Ford Transportation Interpreter Program was developed to encourage national park visitors to use alternative modes of transportation, such as trolleys, trams, or ferries, with the ultimate goal of reducing vehicle congestion as well as noise and air pollution.

“The National Park Foundation is thrilled to have Ford's support as a Proud Partner of America's National Parks,” said Vin Cipolla, President and CEO of the National Park Foundation. “Our national parks are protected and cherished today because of the generosity and support of individual Americans who wanted to make a difference – these young Ford Transportation Interpreters and Transportation Scholars are carrying on that fine tradition and, with their support, we will ensure that national parks will continue to be cherished by future generations.”

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The National Park Foundation (www.nationalparks.org) is a 501(c)(3) organization chartered by Congress in 1967 to continue a century-long tradition of private philanthropy ensuring funding to preserve and enhance the legacy of our National Parks. As the official non-profit partner of America's National Parks, the National Park Foundation does not receive federal appropriations for their support. The National Park Foundation serves to strengthen the connection between the American people and their national parks by raising private funds, making strategic grants, creating innovative partnerships and increasing public awareness. Support of the National Park Foundation ensures that the evolving history and rich heritage of our Nation remains vital and relevant.

Ford Motor Company believes it is important to be a good corporate citizen. Ford continues to support nonprofit organizations that enhance opportunities for the people who live and work in communities where the company does business. A Proud Partner since 2000, Ford works closely with the National Park Foundation and the National Park Service to bring alternative transportation solutions to America's 391 National Parks in order to enhance the visitor experience and preserve park resources. For more information, visit http://www.nationalparks.org/prouddpartners/partner_ford.shtml.

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