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## A PARTNERSHIP TO PRESERVE THE MIGHTY MISSISSIPPI

St. Louis, MO, December 15, 2009- Audubon has joined forces with the National Great Rivers Research and Education Center, the Army Corps of Engineers, and Crossroads College Preparatory School to develop and implement the Rivervision Leadership Project.

The Rivervision Leadership Project, funded by Audubon, Toyota, and Boeing Corporation gives Crossroads College Preparatory School students an opportunity to participate in environmental leadership activities focused on the Mississippi River. Students will be exposed to a wide variety of water stewardship and water management issues associated with the Mississippi River through visits with environmental groups, the Corps of Engineers, the Metropolitan Sewer District, farm associations, the barge industry, the Missouri Botanical Gardens, and others.

Dr. Patricia Hagen, Executive Director of The Audubon Center at Riverlands says, “the goal of the Riverside Leadership Project is for Crossroads College Preparatory School students to understand the complexity of issues that surround stewardship of America’s great rivers; to understand how effective leadership can result in positive environmental change; and to hone their own leadership skills in thinking through the issues to arrive at potential working solutions.”

*Crossroads College Preparatory School offers an academically challenging curriculum to a diverse and inclusive community of students in grades seven through twelve.*

*Crossroads College Prep encourages its students to engage their imaginations in every endeavor, ranging from the sciences to the fine arts, and strives to develop respectful citizens, who apply scholarship, imagination, and critical thinking to civic and social responsibility in their communities and beyond.*

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