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IOWA LAKESIDE LABORATORY REGENTS RESOURCE CENTER ANNUAL REPORT

Action Requested: Receive the annual report of Iowa Lakeside Laboratory Regents Resource Center.

Executive Summary: In FY23, Iowa Lakeside Laboratory provided in-person and on-line coursework to college students seeking immersive learning opportunities in ecology, aquatic ecology and field archaeology. Students and faculty from Regent universities, Iowa community colleges, and many private colleges engaged in the courses, conducted research, and provided community programming throughout the year. Lakeside also celebrated its 60th year of providing education and research on diatoms. Nearly every diatom researcher in the world today has engaged with Lakeside Laboratory in some way. Key partnerships with the Iowa Department of Natural Resources, the Iowa Department of Agriculture, the State Hygienic Lab and many others are central to the education and research happening at Lakeside. Over 2,000 K-12 students were served by educational programming and hands-on experiential learning opportunities at Lakeside Lab last year.