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Audubon Nature Institute Names New Managing Director of Audubon Zoo and Park

(New Orleans, La.) - Audubon Nature Institute is pleased to announce Dr. Kyle Burks as its new Vice President and Managing Director of Audubon Zoo and Park. Kyle was selected from a list of highly qualified candidates from across the country and brings years of experience to Audubon.

“In Kyle, we have found a managing director with impeccable qualifications and sensitivity to the culture and history of Audubon Nature Institute,” said Ron Forman, Audubon Nature Institute President and CEO. “His expertise in animal conservation and welfare, paired with his years of zoo operations experience, will strengthen Audubon’s role as a community leader in saving disappearing species and inspiring young people to care about nature.”

Burks has more than 20 years of broad-based management and animal care experience. His most recent position was Chief Executive Officer of Sacramento Zoo. Kyle also served as Executive Vice President and Chief Operating Officer of the Denver Zoo and as Insight Integration Manager at The Walt Disney Company. His career uniquely combines animal management with cutting-edge business principles. Kyle earned his Ph.D. and Master’s Degree from Georgia Institute of Technology.

“We look forward to Kyle’s leadership in furthering Audubon’s mission of conservation, education and family recreation when he joins us on July 31,” said Forman.

Audubon Nature Institute operates a family of museums, parks and research facilities dedicated to celebrating the wonders of nature. Through innovative live animal exhibits, education programs, and scientific discovery, Audubon makes a meaningful contribution to preserving wildlife for the future. Audubon Nature Institute flagships include Audubon Park, Audubon Zoo, Audubon Aquarium of the Americas, Entergy Giant Screen Theater, Audubon Butterfly Garden and Insectarium, Audubon Louisiana Nature Center, Freeport-McMoRan Audubon Species Survival Center, Woldenberg Riverfront Park and Audubon Wilderness Park. Ron Forman is President and CEO of Audubon Nature Institute.

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