

## **STRONACH SELECTED TO LEAD LLOYD CENTER EDUCATION**

Dartmouth, MA - The Lloyd Center is pleased to announce that, following the unanimous vote of its Education-Director Search Committee, Rachel Stronach, of Fall River (MA), accepted the Center's call to be its next Director of Education. Ms. Stronach was selected following a lengthy process of discernment by the search committee, which reviewed the candidacies of a number of excellent and promising individuals. It was the committee's carefully considered opinion that Ms. Stronach possessed all the abilities and gifts required to lead this critically important part of the Center's work and mission. She will succeed current Education Director Patricia Sheppard, who, following a thirteen-year career as head of the Center's Education Department, will be departing to join her husband, whose career shift, earlier this year, has required a "family-move" to Maryland.

According to the Center's Executive Director, D'Arcy MacMahon, "Rachel Stronach is a gifted teacher who combines depth, presence and story-telling power in her classes. She engages adults and youth with an infectious and intelligent energy and has a well known passion for marine biology and environmental education. We have great confidence that Rachel can build upon the level of excellence the Center has achieved under the outstanding leadership of Tricia Sheppard, who will be sorely missed".

Ms. Stronach, who received her B.S. Degree in Fisheries Conservation and Management from the University of Massachusetts Amherst (2001) is in the final stages of completing the thesis for her Masters Degree in Marine Biology from Nova Southeastern University in Fort Lauderdale. She will be leaving her current position as the 7th and 8th Grade Mathematics & Science Teacher at New Bedford's Global Learning Charter School, where she has been responsible for the development and implementation of the mathematics and science curriculum in line with the Massachusetts Curriculum Frameworks and the required Special Education forms for both mathematics and science. Her official start-date at the Lloyd Center will be August 10, 2009.