

Monmouth University Urban Coast Institute Champion of the Ocean *Award Luncheon*

October 21, 12:15 p.m. | Abby Dining Room | Abby Aldrich Rockefeller Hall
Guests Must Be Registered



HONOREE: DR. ROBERT D. BALLARD

Dr. Robert D. Ballard is President of the Ocean Exploration Trust which owns and operates the E/V Nautilus. He is also a Full Professor of Oceanography at the University of Rhode Island's Graduate School of Oceanography, where he serves as the Founding Director of the Center for Ocean Exploration, which houses the Inner Space Center. He is Senior Scientist Emeritus in the Department of Applied Ocean Physics and Engineering at the Woods Hole Oceanographic Institution, served as a Commander in the U.S. Navy, is an Explorer-in-Residence for the National Geographic Society, past Co-Chair Ocean Exploration Advisory Working Group for

NOAA's Science Advisory Board on which he also served. Dr. Ballard was of member the President's Panel for Ocean Exploration, which led to the creation of the Office of Ocean Exploration and Research and was appointed as a Commissioner to the U.S. Commission on Ocean Policy. He has participated in or lead over 150 ocean expeditions; was Co-Chief Scientist of the 1977 Galapagos Rift Expedition that discovered the first hydrothermal vents, discovered the first Black Smokers in 1979 as well as numerous maritime and ancient shipwrecks including the *RMS Titanic*, the German Battleship *Bismarck*, the *USS Yorktown*, and President Kennedy's PT-109.

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