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San Antonio Conservation Society Hires Leah Bunting as NIOSA Director of Operations

Leah Bunting has joined the San Antonio Conservation Society team as Director of Operations and Business Manager for “A Night In Old San Antonio®” (NIOSA®) it was announced by Patti Zaiontz, NIOSA Chairman/Fourth Vice President of Conservation Society. Bunting is responsible for organizing NIOSA procedures and policies to increase efficiency in the operation of NIOSA and NIOSITAs and increasing revenues. The 69th presentation of NIOSA will be held April 25-28, 2017, during the city’s [Fiesta San Antonio®](#) celebration.

Prior to joining the Society, Bunting served in the United States Marine Corps for nine years where she worked with intergovernmental agencies and various media outlets, as well as coordinated efforts with non-government humanitarian organizations. During her time in the Marines, she earned promotions, ribbons, commendations and medals for distinguished military service.

A native of Texarkana, Bunting graduated from California State University San Marcos with a Bachelor of Science in Human Development in 2015 and will complete a Masters of Science in Industrial and Organizational Psychology in spring 2017.

NIOSA is the top fundraiser for historic preservation in the nation and truly lives up to its motto as a “Celebration for Preservation.” In the past ten years alone, more than \$12 million has been netted at NIOSA to fund the Society’s mission to support restoration and preservation of historic properties and parks throughout the city and neighboring counties, as well as education and advocacy programs and projects such as the Heritage Education tours, seminars, community tours, scholarships, resource library and house museums.

NIOSA is a four-night festival in the heart of downtown San Antonio that celebrates the city’s diverse cultural legacy for more than 85,000 revelers annually. Through the magic of 200-plus food, drink and atmosphere booths; 14 live musical acts; children’s games; decorations; souvenirs; and 10,000+ volunteers, NIOSA brings the city’s heritage alive in 15 areas.

Founded in 1924, the San Antonio Conservation Society is one of the oldest and most active community preservation groups in the United States. Beginning with efforts to prevent historic structures from being razed and to preserve such unique sites as the city’s Spanish Colonial missions, the society has been

responsible for saving most of the historic attractions that now make San Antonio one of the top tourist destinations in Texas.

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In 2017, for the sixth year in a row, "A Night In Old San Antonio®" (NIOA®) has earned one of the top levels of certification from the City of San Antonio based on its Green Events Ordinance sustainable policies for medium and large-scale events.