

# STEM INSPIRATION



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*Pursuing your dream begins here.*

## Who inspired you?

"My father inspired me to pursue a career in biology, art, education, and conservation through his work as a leading shark biologist who developed the technology to keep sharks alive during shipping and in aquariums around the world. He worked out the mathematical equations that determine what size shark requires what size aquarium so that they do not die from exhaustion. We lived in the Florida Keys at Shark Aquarium next door to Flipper's Sea School (now the Dolphin Research Center). Scientists from all over the world came to research sharks, students in universities came in the summer to study the marine environment, and aquarists came from all over to learn how to keep captive sharks alive and healthy. Growing up with my father, scientists, and people who love the marine environment led me to dedicate myself to educating people about the wonders of our oceans through the disciplines of the sciences and the arts."

## Education

Bachelor of Fine Arts in Drawing, Southern Methodist University and Bachelor of Science in Marine Biology, Texas A&M University at Galveston.

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