



# STEM INSPIRATION

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## Who inspired you?

"I was inspired to study biology by my eighth grade science teacher, Sister Kateri. She was really enthusiastic about it and that made it easy for me to be interested. After a trip to Florida while in high school and my first time seeing the ocean, and a couple of visits to Sea World in Ohio, I narrowed my choice to marine biology."

## Education

Bachelor of Science in Marine Biology, University of New England (1980)  
Graduate of the Army Management Staff College (2005)

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