

***Samantha
Wynns***



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***Conservation
Biologist***



Samantha Wynns is a conservation biologist who grew up with Yellowstone National Park as her backyard.

At Cabrillo National Monument, Sam gets to spread her love of science as an educator and field researcher. Outside of science, Sam is a house DJ traveling the world for its beauty and electronic music festivals.

**Dr. Claire
Meaders**



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**Assistant Teaching
Professor**



Dr. Claire Meaders is an Assistant Teaching Professor who grew up in Arlington, VA and always knew she wanted to be a biologist and work with people. At UC-San Diego, Claire gets to teach undergraduate students and do research on STEM education. Outside of science, Claire has run 11 marathons, and loves running to explore new cities.

**Earyn
Nycole McGee**



she/her

Herpetologist



Earyn McGee is a herpetologist who grew up in many places and explored nature in all of them. She is a PhD student and shares her passion for lizards on social media. Outside of science, Earyn enjoys talking to friends and family, photography, and watching TV.

Find Earyn as @afro_herper on all social media!

**Monique
Pipkin**



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Ecologist



Monique Pipkin is an ecologist who grew up spending every Friday at the Cranbrook Institute of Science, her local natural history museum. She studies what, why and how animals behave in the ways that they do. Outside of science, Monique enjoys books, baking, Broadway musicals and singing as much as she can.

**Dr. Kristen
Lear**



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**Bat
Conservationist**



Dr. Kristen Lear is a bat conservationist who discovered her love of bats during night hikes in Ohio. Kristen works around the world to protect bats and share her passion! Outside of science, Kristen enjoys yoga and designing her own bat-themed clothes!

***Dr. Victoria
Herrmann***



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***Climate Change
Researcher***



Dr. Victoria Herrmann is a climate change researcher who grew up swimming down the shore in New Jersey. She works with communities across North America to keep our cultures, facilities, and future safe from climate change impacts. Outside of science, Victoria loves experimenting in the kitchen with new ingredients from around the world.

***Dr. Ana Maria
Porras***



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***Biomedical
Engineer***



Dr. Ana Maria Porras is a biomedical engineer who grew up surrounded by family and joy in Colombia. She is a professor at the University of Florida, where she gets to teach about and study the microbes that live inside of us. Outside of science, Ana loves to swim, dance, read, and, above all, eat ice cream.

**Dr. Jaye
Gardiner**



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**Cancer Biologist/
Illustrator**



Dr. Jaye Gardiner is a cancer researcher who grew up in the bustling city of Chicago but whose parents hail from Belize, Central America. She studies how non-cancer cells communicate to support cancer growth. Outside of science, Jaye plays with her pet rabbits and loves video games, reading comics and drawing - in fact, she created these trading cards!

***Dr. Suzanne
Pierre***



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***Ecologist/
Biogeochemist***



Dr. Suzanne Pierre is an ecologist and biogeochemist who grew up in the suburbs of New Jersey, outside of NY City. She researches how climate change is affecting the recycling of the Earth's elements and connects this to social justice. Outside of science, Suzanne loves to hike, go camping, cook food from her heritage (Haiti & India), and tries to sew her own clothes (badly!).

Sula Vanderplank



she/her

Plant Ecologist



Sula Vanderplank is plant ecologist who grew up in England. She works to conserve threatened plants and animals and their habitats in north western Mexico. Outside of science, Sula is also a boat captain and fisherwoman.