



# **STEMExplore**

## **VIRTUAL CAREER CONNECTION**

Date: Wednesday, June 22, 2020

Time: 1:00-1:30 pm

Registration Link:

Select PRIMETIME Palm Beach County

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**Guest Mentor: Daniella Escontrela**  
**Marine Biologist & Coral Reef Ecologist**  
**University of Hawaii**



**Host: Kasey Gaylord-Opalewski**

**STEM Topic/Career: Coral Reef Conservation and Marine Science**

**During this 30-minute live session, youth participants will:**

- Learn about coral reef conservation and marine science as a career
- Observe the day to day tasks of a coral reef ecologist and a marine conservationist
- Gain insight into this STEM career and learn the steps it takes to become a professional in this area
- Ask interview questions of our guest STEMExplore expert





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**YOUTH: Read Daniela's biography and think of questions to ask her during this livestream event.**

## **Daniela's Biography:**

Dani has lived close to the coastline most of her life. Born in Venezuela, she was always within a few hours of the beach and remembers frequent weekend or summer getaways where she got to explore the coastlines and marine life, and ultimately, fall in love with the underwater world. When she moved to Florida, those adventures continued. At the young age of 13, Dani was introduced to one of her passions - scuba diving! She started college at the University of Miami in 2011 where she became involved with the shark research laboratory and continued her diving profession, becoming and working as a dive instructor. In her third year of college, Dani studied abroad in the Galapagos where she conducted various field projects for her classes and volunteered at a tortoise breeding center. Most recently, Dani received a National Science Foundation Graduate Research Fellowship which gave her the opportunity to go back to school to pursue her graduate studies. Currently, she is at the University of Hawaii in Honolulu.

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