

Dr. Dijanna Figueroa Bio

Dr. Dijanna Figueroa is a marine scientist and Science, Technology, Engineering, Art, and Mathematics (S.T.E.A.M.) education specialist. She holds a Bachelors of Science in Marine Biology from University of California, Los Angeles and a PhD in Marine Science from University of California, Santa Barbara. Her work as a deep sea marine scientist and educator has been featured in various science documentaries, nature programs, and publications. She is committed to inspiring young people of diverse backgrounds to embrace science and engineering. She recently served as Global Director of Green S.T.E.A.M. for National Geographic Society, MUSE School, and DeepSea America's cross country tour for science, technology, engineering, art and mathematics. As an advisory board member of various science and S.T.E.A.M. enrichment non-profits, her work is evident throughout the science education community. Her work with Make it Education brings hands-on science and engineering programs to students of all ages. She loves science and enjoys combining science with art and design to inspire young people to see the science in all things. She has over 10 years of experience teaching science, engineering in K-8 schools throughout greater Los Angeles. Her goal as an ambassador for science is to inspire and prepare all students for the science and technological discoveries of the future. When she is not teaching she enjoys traveling with her husband and three children.