# Cassie Klein

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#### **SUMMARY:**

- Over 14 years of experience in facilitating conservation education
- Awarded "Zoo Star" for going above and beyond in the workplace
- 8 years of staff and 10 years of volunteer supervisory experience

#### **EDUCATION:**

### Master's in the Art of Education of Biological Sciences

Anticipated 2023 Miami University, Oxford, OH (online)

### **Graduate Certificate in Sustainability and Behavior Change**

March 2018 UC San Diego, San Diego, CA (online)

# Bachelor of Science in Animal Behavior, Training, and Enrichment

May 2010 (Cum Laude) Delaware Valley University, Doylestown, PA

#### **EXPERIENCE:**

# 5<sup>th</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup> Grade Science Teacher, August 2020-Present Rosarian Academy, West Palm Beach, Florida

- Facilitate student-led food waste reduction project on campus
- Culture Committee member dedicated to enhancing an inclusive and supportive culture
- Innovated for hands-on learning opportunities in both dual-learning environments

# Governing Council Member (volunteer), April 2019- Present National Network for Ocean and Climate Change Communication, Remote

- Sustain, deepen, and expand a network of over 500 informal educators, climate scientists, and social scientists
- Facilitate interactive trainings in best practices of climate change communication techniques that foster hope and solutions-minded thinking
- Develop and facilitate annual All-Member Virtual Conferences

# Camp Director, May 2012-April 2020 Palm Beach Zoo, West Palm Beach, Florida

- Design, implement, and manage innovative conservation-related camp curriculum for a diverse audience of campers
- Develop, direct, and supervise seasonal summer staff, camp volunteers, and student interns, including interpretive training
- Evaluate camp program for effectiveness in projecting the Zoo's mission.

# Lead Education Specialist, January 2011- April 2020 Palm Beach Zoo, West Palm Beach, Florida

- Develop and present innovative community programs using biofacts, live animals, and hands-on learning in accordance with NGSSS standards
- Implemented and managed award-winning grant funded projects
- Manage the Carbon Fuel Reduction Initiative (CFRI) and reduced staff CO2 emissions by 30% in 3 years.

# Barn and Outdoor Education Staff, May 2010-November 2010 South Mountain YMCA, Wernersville, Pennsylvania

- Responsible for 14 campers during daily, nightly, and overnight activities
- Taught equestrian disciplines and equine care and behavior to campers
- Facilitated teambuilding for adults and teens using challenge courses, archery, high ropes, and equestrian disciplines

#### SKILLS:

#### Languages:

- English: native language
- American Sign Language (ASL): competent
- Spanish: written and oral intermediate
- German: written and oral beginner

- Computer Skills: MS Word, Excel, PowerPoint, Outlook
  - Windows PC and Apple Mac operating systems
  - Zoom, MS Teams, Skype, FaceTime, Facebook Video, etc.
  - Video editing, YouTube, Trello, and social media

- **AFFILIATIONS:** National Conference Speaker, National Association for Interpretation, 2020
  - National Network for Ocean and Climate Change Interpretation (NNOCCI), 2014 Study Circle, 2018 Pilot Expert Level Framing and Facilitation
  - Endangered Species Recovery Course, Durrell Wildlife Conservation Academy, September 2018
  - Certified Interpretive Guide (CIG), NAI, 2018-Present
  - Animal Welfare Improvement Project, APE Malaysia, Nov 2016, Oct 2018
  - Citizen Scientist, Prusten Project and FrogWatch, 2014-Present
  - Social Media Coordinator and Volunteer, Florida TRAC, 2011-2014
  - Project WILD Certification and Facilitator Certification
  - Certified in CPR and First Aid, CPRToday/AHA/Red Cross, 2005-Present

#### **ACTIVITIES:**

- Gym Video Series (film, edit, star, produce), PBAC, 2020
- Sword School Student, Palm Beach Sword School, February 2020-Present
- Kickboxing and CrossFit, Palm Beach Athletic Complex, 2013-2021
- President and founding member, Animal Lifeline DelVal Club, 2008-2010
- Representative to the Inter-Club Council, DVCET, 2008-2009
- President (Vice President) Equine Club, 2008-2010 (2007-2008)
- Foil Fencer (Captain), Indian Hills Fencing Team, 2002-2006 (2004-2006)
- Teacher, Ballroom Dancing, 2002-Present
- Certified, SCUBA diver, 2002-Present