

My journey to Grad school!

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My Pathway- “the road less travelled”

- Why Science?
- Why Grad School?
- Why Ichthyology?





Where my journey started



WHY SCIENCE (BIOLOGY)?



- Science vs Business
- LOVED Science
- Questions???



JEDI- Junior Environmental and Sustainable Development Initiative

- Pivotal Moment
- Summer Science Camp



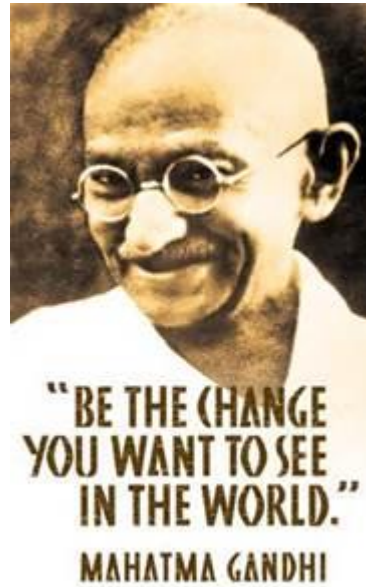
Minister praises young environmentalists

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MINISTER of Public Utilities and the Environment Penelope Beckles commended young environmentalists for **sacrificing their two-month holidays** to learn about **TT's wildlife**. Speaking at a graduation function for the 70 participants at the Junior Jedi Camp at the Eric Williams Auditorium, La Joya., the Minister commended the young environmentalists for their determination and discipline. "Young people are our future leaders," she declared, adding that what they had learned will benefit the future of TT. **"More people need to be educated in preserving the environment,"** she said "In Trinidad, a culture has developed where people would throw litter from their cars. What we do reflects on what kind of society we are. Trinidad needs to deal seriously with these filthy activities, to achieve a better society." Director of the Junior Jedi Camp, Ayanna Dardaine, reminded the graduates, that the road to education was a long journey. She was proud to report that all the graduates successfully completed the programme in the areas of **recycling, planting and soil conservation.**

Changing the world!



- Understand
- Acknowledge
- Educate
- Spread
- Money
- Time
- Knowledge



Education



CXC Levels/ High School Diploma



GCE A Levels

- Biology
- Chemistry
- Physics

Plan A: Science Marine Biologist?? Teacher??

Plan B: Air Traffic Controller (\$, Family)

Plan C: “Medical doctor” (Family)



- Experiences
- Stories
- Relate

Decision to obtain a BSC

- Trinidad
- Marine Biology
- Application Process
- Enjoyable

THE UNIVERSITY
OF TAMPA



Earning my BSC- what do you want to do after you graduate?

- What animal?
- What job?
- More school ?
- What school?



Get some experience!

Talk to you professors!

- Research projects
- Field work experience



Get a mix of experience, be a mentor



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- **Experience**
- Resume
- Interview
- Learn
- Enjoyable
- References
- Networking



INTERNSHIP → JOB



WHAT TO APPLY FOR?



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Interviewed grad students

- What animal?
- Which questions?
- How do you decide?



Endless Possibilities!



Volunteered → JOB Invertebrates

AHA MOMENT!

- Shadowing
- Learning
- Observing



GET A DEGREE > GET AN ADVANCED DEGREE > FIND A JOB

FIND THE PERFECT JOB > NOTATE DEGREE REQUIREMENTS > GET DEGREE

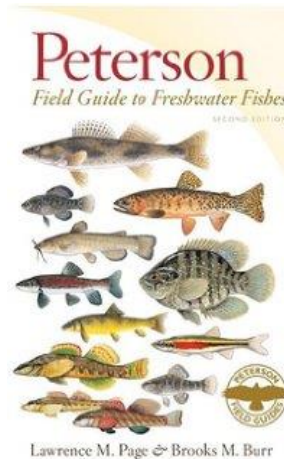
More Experiences...



- Ecological and genetic
- Speciation and species boundaries

DR LARRY PAGE AND GRAD SCHOOL

- ADVANTAGE
- Observe
- Learn
- Interact
- Relationship
- Challenge



Way Canguk in Bukit Barisan Selatan National Park





Remember to have fun, keep living, be cool!



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