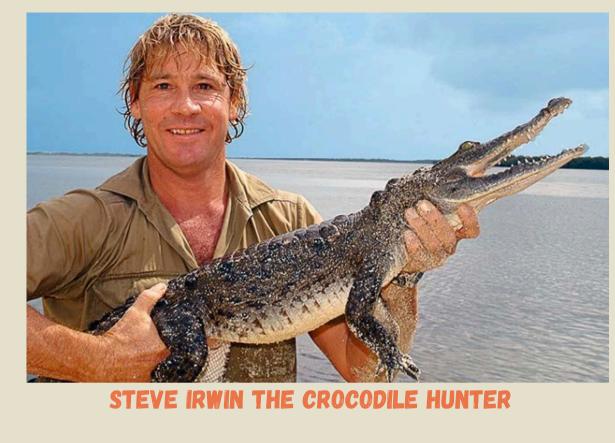






# CHILDHOOD

- BAY AREA, CALIFORNIA
- GROWING UP WITH REPTILES
- WATCHING THE CROCODILE HUNTER
- THE LETTER TO STEVE IRWIN











**5TH GRADE BRANDON AND HIS CHAMELEON** 

BRANDON AND HIS OTHER CHAMELEON... 20 YEARS LATER



**BRANDON GREW UP AT THIS SCHOOL** 

# SCHOOL

- CALIFORNIA SCHOOL FOR THE DEAF
- THE CROCODILE HUNTER PROJECT
- FAVORITE SUBJECT



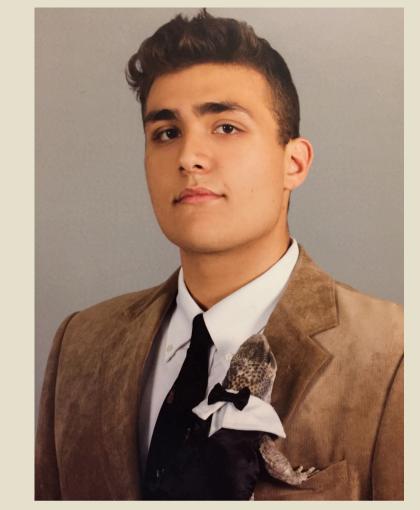


# UNIVERSITY

- GALLAUDET UNIVERSITY
- THE ZOOLOGY CLASS
- THE REALIZATION



**GALLAUDET UNIVERSITY** 

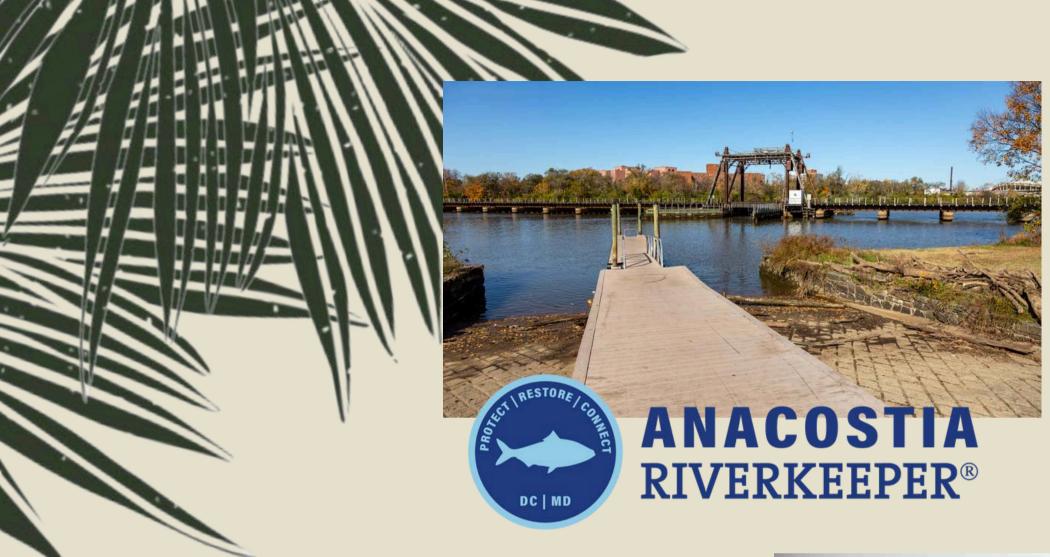


**20 YEAR OLD BRANDON AND HIS LIZARD** 



A LEECH

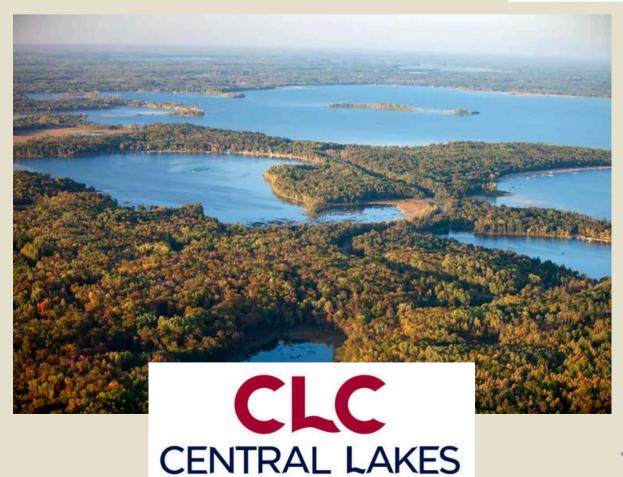






## INTERNSHIPS

- ANACOSTIA RIVER, DC
- ZOOPLANKTON, MN
- TALL TIMBERS, FL



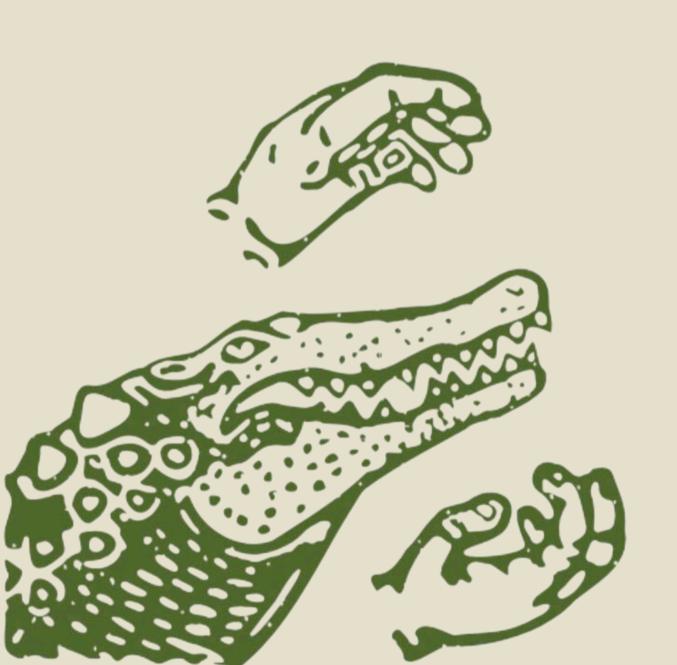
**COLLEGE** 





#### THE BIG IDEA

- BREAK FROM THE JOB SEARCH
- A DREAM
- GIVING BACK TO THE DEAF COMMUNITY







BRANDON TEACHING ABOUT WILDLIFE AT CSD







- THE POWER OF COMMUNITY
- REACHING THE NEW GENERATION
- FACEBOOK, INSTAGRAM, YOUTUBE

























### THE CHALLENGE

- DEAD ENDS
- THE LAST INTERNSHIP
- LANGUAGE BARRIERS
- INTO THE CLOUD FOREST



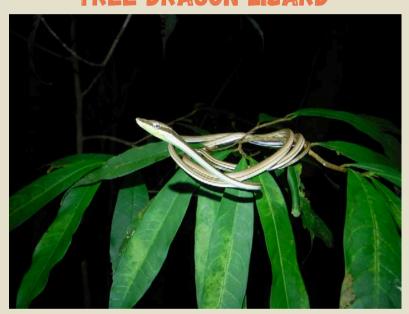
**CLOUD FOREST** 



LONGHORN BEETLE



TREE DRAGON LIZARD



**VINE SNAKE** 



**AMAZON TREE FROG** 













**PURPLE TREE TARANTULA** 













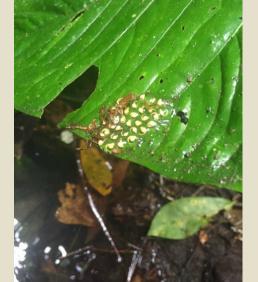
# LIFE IN THE JUNGLE



- HUNTING FOR GLASS FROGS
- INVENTING RESEARCH TOOLS

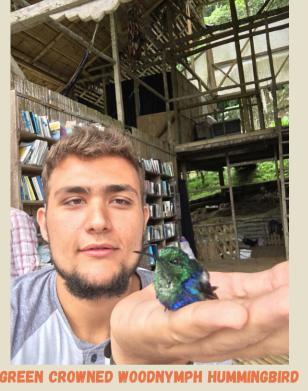






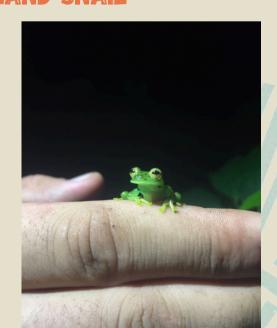
**GLASS FROG EGGS** 







**GIANT LAND SNAIL** 



**GLASS FROG** 



**BRAZILAN WANDERING SPIDER** 

# CAN YOU FIND THE GLASS FROG?





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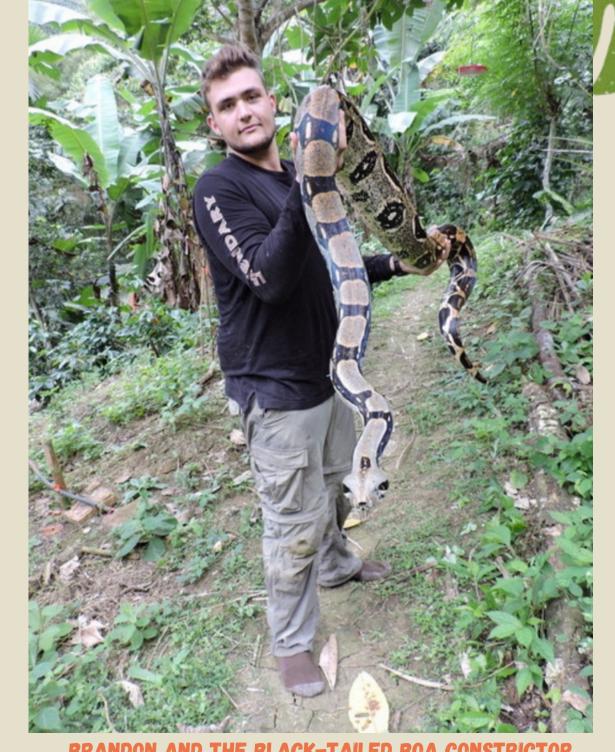
# BATTLING THE JUNGLE

- HOWLER MONKEYS
- FER-DE-LANCES
- BOA CONSTRICTORS
- FERAL HOGS
- LEISHMANIASIS



A WELL CAMOUFLAGED FER-DE-LANCE





BRANDON AND THE BLACK-TAILED BOA CONSTRICTOR



# UFE OF A SCIENCE TEACHER















# THE CLASSROOM







# CLASSROOM ADVENTURES

- TRANSFORMING THE CLASSROOM EXPERIENCE
- THE LITTLE ZOO
- THE BIG AQUARIUM
- FRUIT FLIES
- MISTER BLUE SKY



**BRANDON'S FIRST CLASSROOM** 



**BRANDON COLLECTS WILD THINGS FOR THE CLASSROOM** 





BRANDON'S FIRST GIANT AQUARIUN



THE STAR OF THE CLASSROOM: MISTER BLUE SKY

#### TAPPING INTO THE LOCAL ECOSYSTEM

- LOOK AROUND YOUR ENVIRONMENT & AND APPLY IT TO YOUR LESSONS
- CHECK AND ASK LOCAL RESOURCES FOR SUPPORT
- FIELD TRIPS









**EXPOSE STUDENTS TO THE ENVIRONMENT** 



REAL-LIFE STEM EXPERIENCES

**COLLECT LOCAL INVASIVE SPECIES** 



- SEEING & INTERACTING = BETTER UNDERSTANDING
- APPLYING KNOWLEDGE TO THE REAL WORLD
- UNFORGETTABLE MEMORIES
- STRONGER CONNECTION TO LESSONS



MARINELAB FIELD TRIP







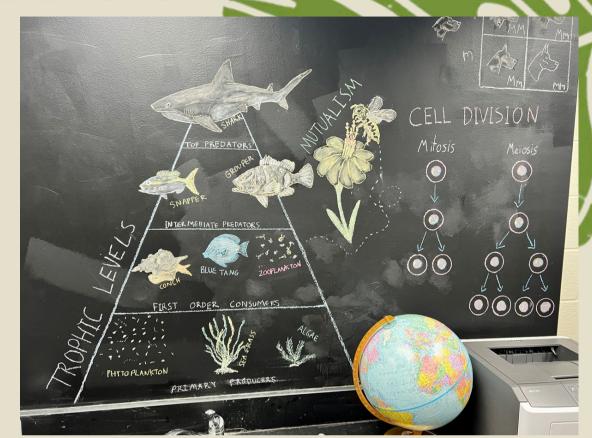
## VISUAL AND INTERACTIVE ENVIRONMENT

- EARLY EXPOSURE LEAD TO BETTER UNDERSTANDING
- CONNECT STUDENTS TO THE OUTSIDE WORLD
- TEACHING WITH TANGIBLE ITEMS
- BREATHE LIFE INTO THE CLASSROOM









**USE CHALKBOARD PAINT IN THE CLASSROOM** 



THE CLASSROOM AQUARIUM



**BEFRIENDING CELEBRITIES/LEGENDS** 



GUIDANCE FROM OTHER PEOPLI



**WORKING WITH A DOCUMENTARY FILM CREW** 

#### SCIENCE TEACHER PERKS

- OUTPOURING SUPPORT (JUST ASKI)
- PLENTY OF EXPERIENCE OPPORTUNITIES
- OPENING UP NEW DOORS/NETWORKING
- BRINGING IT ALL BACK TO THE CLASSROOM



INTERACT WITH UNIQUE SPECIES



FIELD TRIPS ARE FUN FOR US TOO!



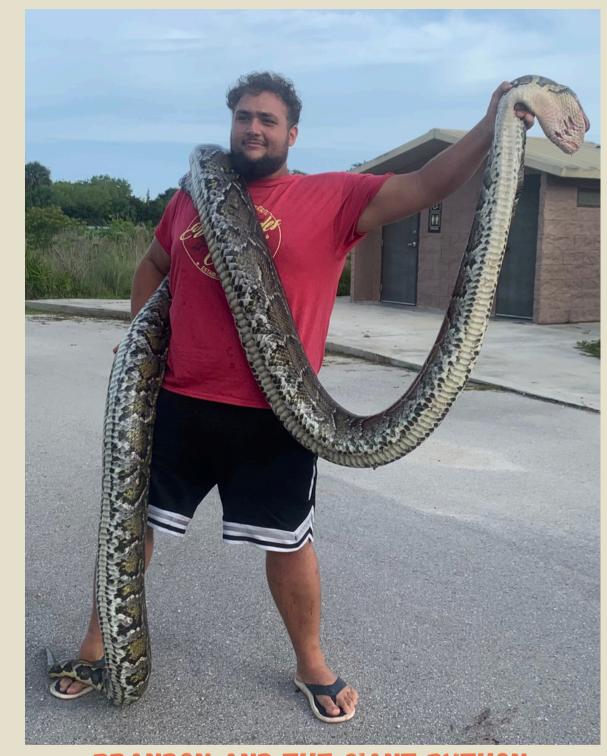
APPEAR ON INTERNATIONAL NEWS











BRANDON AND THE GIANT PYTHON





## WILD SAGA IS BACK BIGGER AND WILDER!

- NOW SPONSORED BY SORENSON
- WEBSITE IN DEVELOPMENT
- SOCIAL MEDIA PLATFORMS: FB, IG, TT, YT, VC
- EDUCATIONAL WORKSHOPS
- ONLINE RESOURCE FOR TEACHERS



