

**Kelly Cunningham teaches IPC and Biology in Cypress, Texas**

**Kelly's profile:**

**Hometown: Herndon, Virginia**

**Major at TAMUG: Marine Biology, 2003**

**Why did you choose a career in teaching? I always worked well with children, and I was getting bored with the monotony of lab work.**

**Number of years in classroom: 3**

**My School: Cypress Creek High School, Cy-Fair ISD**

**Extracurricular sponsorships/coaching assignments: Teacher Mentor. I would like to start a sailing club, but I haven't been able to yet.**

**How I motivate my students to learn: I have high expectations, and I believe that all of my students can learn. I work to create a positive atmosphere that promotes comfort and security for my students.**

**My educational philosophy: I believe that the teacher is a facilitator, and students should explore on their own or in groups to learn best. Teamwork and class presentations are expected.**

**My long term career goals: Master's degree in school counseling.**

**Favorite part of my job: Seeing the success and hard work of those you want to succeed.**

**Least favorite part of my job: Teaching can be difficult and straining at times.**

**Last Book I read: The Time Traveler's wife, by Audrey Niffenegger**

**My Hobbies: Sailing, camping, hiking, backpacking, and traveling**