

**Cassandra McKeown Simon teaches 6<sup>th</sup> grade science in Houston, Texas**

**Cassandra's profile:**

**Hometown: Pasadena, Texas**

**Major at TAMUG: Marine Biology, 2000**

**Why did you choose a career in teaching? I enjoy helping students find their path to success as my teachers and instructors helped me.**

**Number of years in classroom: 8**

**My School: The Rice School, Houston ISD**

**Extracurricular sponsorships/coaching assignments: Cheerleading and track**

**Other subjects taught: 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> grade science, high school Biology, Aquatic Science, physics and Astronomy**

**How I motivate my students to learn: I maintain and encourage a structured and caring environment, encourage my students to learn and try new things, and work to build their confidence levels.**

**My educational philosophy: Every day is an exciting new challenge and opportunity to learn something new-inside or outside of the classroom.**

**My long term career goals: I have my master's in Educational Administration, and I want to someday be an Assistant Principal, but not yet.**

**Favorite part of my job: Being in my classroom**

**Least favorite part of my job: Grading papers**

**Last Book I read: J.D. Robb's Strangers in Death**

**My Hobbies: Outdoor activities and attending Astros games**