

## Marie Hancock Taylor teaches middle school science in Galveston, Texas

Marie's profile:

Hometown: Dyersburg, Tennessee

Major at TAMUG: Ocean and Coastal Resources, 2003. Currently pursuing a Master of Marine Resources Management, also at TAMUG.

Number of years in classroom: 5

My School: Weis Middle School, Galveston ISD

How I motivate and encourage my students to learn: I try to incorporate lots of hands on activities. This is very easy to do when you are teaching one of the sciences!

My educational philosophy: A student's ability to learn is only as great as my dedication to teaching them! If I work hard and do a good job, the student will be successful.

My long term career goals: I would like to pursue a career in the environmental regulatory field and then eventually return to the teaching field, teaching environmental policy at the college level.

Favorite part of my job: Seeing the "lightbulb go off" when a student grasps a new concept.

Least favorite part of my job: Meetings and paperwork

Last Book I read: The Twilight series

My Hobbies: Reading, going to the beach, and boating with my family