



Executive Biography:

Kate Vannelli

Program Director

Expertise: Conservationist and National Geographic Explorer

Currently working on: Testing the new GCC App as it is rolled out to partner schools working with the Future Rangers program

Favorite animal: Cheetah

When Kate was a young girl she was passionate about watching nature programs on television. Big cats were her thing, especially the cheetahs. When she was around five years of age she took out her scissors and cut out pictures of cheetahs in their natural habitat from her National Geographic magazines. When her mother asked her about the project, the young Kate replied that if only people could see how beautiful these creatures were, they wouldn't kill them. Such wise words from a young child and the beginning of an idea that would evolve into a life mission.

Today, as GCC's Program Director for the Future Rangers Conservation Education Program, Kate is dedicated to creating a world where people and wildlife can coexist in a mutually beneficial relationship. One of her recent achievements is the development of an app to monitor and evaluate the Future Rangers education program, helping record students' progress for future employment, but also to compile data on participant attitudes and behavior change over the long term.

Not only a conservation scientist, Kate also continues to express herself through art and photography, using her work to engage people with conservation and inspire change through different mediums.

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