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## **Cabrillo National Monument Foundation's Outreach Coordinator, Samantha Wynns, Selected as AAAS IF/THEN® Ambassador**

San Diego – September 19 – Cabrillo National Monument Foundation (CNMF) is proud to announce that Outreach Coordinator Samantha Wynns has been selected as one of the 125 AAAS (American Association for the Advancement of Science) IF/THEN® Ambassadors. IF/THEN®, a national initiative of Lyda Hill Philanthropies, seeks to further women in science, technology, engineering and math (STEM) by empowering current innovators and inspiring the next generation of pioneers. “We firmly believe that IF we support a woman in STEM, THEN she can change the world,” said Lyda Hill, founder of Lyda Hill Philanthropies.

To achieve this goal, AAAS IF/THEN® Ambassadors will connect with students in person and through various media platforms, including popular YouTube channels and network television shows. The Ambassadors are contemporary role models who represent a diversity of STEM-related professions in the United States, from entertainment, fashion, sports, business and academia.

“AAAS is deeply committed to advancing education and opportunities for girls and women in STEM,” said Margaret Hamburg, chair of the AAAS Board of Directors. “This partnership enables us to reach more deeply into STEM education and help advance STEM careers for women and girls. It will help us to elevate the voices of women working in STEM fields and to inspire the next generation of girls and women in science.”

Samantha's work in providing outreach to the San Diego community through various STEM programs is making a critical impact on San Diego youth. She is taking science from the Park out to the People who would not otherwise have access. Samantha has been a leader in her field and has helped CNMF to achieve its mission to fund and support interpretive, cultural, historical, scientific and educational programs and activities at Cabrillo National Monument. We're so proud of her impressive work and especially proud that she has received the prestigious recognition as an AAAS IF/THEN® Ambassador.

Samantha Wynns is a recent graduate in the field of biology from San Diego State University. She currently works with the National Park Service at **Cabrillo National Monument** where she wears many hats: Samantha gathers data as a field biologist, she educates youth and the public as a science



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educator, and she brings the Parks-to-the-People as the Community Outreach Coordinator for the Cabrillo National Monument Foundation. During any given day she can be found performing monitoring surveys out in the field, leading a STEM summer camp for underserved girls, or giving scientific lectures out in the community. In every role, Samantha's goal is to illuminate and inspire a passion for STEM and a commitment to environmental stewardship.

For a complete list of Ambassadors, go to [www.ifthenshecan.org/ambassadors](http://www.ifthenshecan.org/ambassadors).

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## **ABOUT CABRILLO NATIONAL MONUMENT FOUNDATION**

Since 1956 the Cabrillo National Monument Foundation (CNMF) has helped the National Park Service by supporting numerous educational and scientific activities at Cabrillo National Monument. CNMF is pleased to provide support for the Community Outreach program that Samantha leads and looks forward to welcoming the next generation of STEM leaders to the Park.

## **ABOUT IF/THEN**

IF/THEN® is part of Lyda Hill Philanthropies' commitment to fund game-changing advancements in science and nature. IF/THEN® seeks to further advance women in STEM by empowering current innovators and inspiring the next generation of pioneers. Rooted in a firm belief that there is no better time to highlight positive and successful female professional role models, IF/THEN® is designed to activate a culture shift among young girls to open their eyes to STEM careers by: (1) funding and elevating women in STEM as role models, (2) convening cross-sector partners in entertainment, fashion, sports, business and academia to illuminate the importance of STEM everywhere, and (3) inspiring girls with better portrayals of women in STEM through media and learning experiences to pique their interest in STEM careers. To learn more, visit [www.ifthenshecan.org](http://www.ifthenshecan.org) or follow IF/THEN® on [Facebook](#), [Twitter](#), [Instagram](#) and [LinkedIn](#).

## **ABOUT LYDA HILL PHILANTHROPIES**

Lyda Hill Philanthropies encompasses the charitable giving of founder Lyda Hill who believes that "science is the answer" to life's most challenging issues and is committed to funding transformational advances in science and nature. To learn more, visit [www.lydahillphilanthropies.org](http://www.lydahillphilanthropies.org).

## **ABOUT AAAS**

The American Association for the Advancement of Science ([AAAS](#)) is the world's largest general scientific society and publisher of the journal [Science](#), as well as *Science Translational Medicine*; *Science Signaling*; a digital, open-access journal, *Science Advances*; *Science Immunology*; and *Science Robotics*. AAAS was founded in 1848 and includes more than 250 affiliated societies and academies of science, serving 10



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million individuals. *Science* has the largest paid circulation of any peer-reviewed general science journal in the world. The nonprofit AAAS is open to all and fulfills its mission to “advance science and serve society” through initiatives in science policy, international programs, science education, public engagement and more.

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