

In the Spotlight

Continuing with our third installment showcasing our wonderful women of the Florida Mosquito Control Association, we want to Spotlight the Executive Director of Pasco County Mosquito Control District, Adriane Rogers.

We asked Adriane if she could take a few minutes during her busy schedule to be our next **In the Spotlight** participant. Graciously, she was able to send us some details.

When we asked Adriane what she loved the most about her industry, she told us she felt the comradery among mosquito control professionals is truly unsurpassed. In her prior experience at the state working level, with other industries under her regulatory authority, she has found no other industry in which all members are so willing to help their colleagues, without hesitation.

When we asked Adriane how she defined success, this is what she said to us, "Success is not determined by the collection of items on your resume or the number of certifications hanging on your wall. Success is what you live and breathe. Success is action and follow-through, not just talk. Success is having a vision, implementing a plan to achieve that vision, and working through the inevitable challenges that come along."

When we asked Adriane what advice she would give to anyone who wants to enter her field - her advice was to be adaptable and open to new things. She continued by stating, you may discover you like one discipline in this industry; however, she would encourage you to keep an open-mind and be forward-thinking. She told us to not limit our challenges, but to challenge our limits! She finished by encouraging us by saying, "In the face of challenges, we find personal growth. Embrace it."



What you may not know is Adriane's favorite animal is the penguin. Furthermore, penguins were the actual reason she got into this career, in a round-about way! Pursuing her childhood dream, so she could work with penguins, she became a marine biologist. As an undergrad, majoring in marine science and biology, she worked at the Florida Aquarium in Tampa for a few years and had the opportunity to work with African penguins. Fast forward to her undergrad graduation, and acceptance of employment as a Biologist for the Florida Keys MCD, Adriane then began working in the industry that she has called home for the last 15 years.

Adriane is an outdoors fan! She loves being active and spending time outdoors performing a wide variety of activities, including SCUBA diving, boating, beach combing, kayaking, fishing, camping, hiking, CrossFit, and teaching her toddlers about the natural world.

Adriane's bucket list? Explore the world. Adriane told us there are too many places she wants to explore to pick just one. Surely, Adriane would take a book, much like ***The Hero Effect*** by Kevin Brown, which she is currently reading.

Adriane's very first concert was Tom Petty. May he rest in peace.

Within this past month, Adriane has learned that no matter how good things appear to be going, you should always try your best to see around corners and anticipate all possible outcomes. Additionally, Adriane informed us that, professionally, there is one individual she cannot live without, and that is her Operations Director... her right hand at the Pasco County Mosquito Control District.

Thank you, Adriane for taking the time to share with us!

Do you know someone that should be **In the Spotlight**? Let us know and we'll be happy to interview and showcase them.