



## Telling Stories of the Ocean

*“Bringing Ocean Scientists and Classroom Teachers Together”*

### Ocean Literacy

The ocean is crucially important to the health of planet earth, yet public understanding of the ocean is superficial. *Telling Your Story* (TYS), a program of COSEE-New England, helps scientists and teachers increase ocean literacy by preparing them to create exciting K-12 classroom encounters in which scientists share the stories of their research, their careers, their institutions, and the crucial importance of the world's ocean. TYS helps scientists and teachers utilize the ancient art of story telling to engage students with ocean science, technology and research through direct interaction with a visiting ocean scientist.

### Telling Your Story (TYS) Program

TYS begins with a one-day workshop at a university or research institution in which teachers and marine researchers learn how to make scientists' visits to classrooms inspirational, motivating, and informative for students. Following the workshop, teachers and



scientists work together to plan and conduct successful visits that may result in long term collaborations and extended interactions. Workshop staff follow up and monitor the collaborations as they develop.

### Benefits

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- **Classroom teachers** connect with scientists and learn how to plan a successful visit.
- **Students** learn about the challenges and excitement of ocean research through first-hand contact with an ocean scientist.
- **Administrators** learn how their school's collaboration with ocean scientists can invigorate teachers and increase students' engagement, understanding, and achievement in science.
- **Education and outreach staff** learn how TYS can be a powerful addition to their outreach efforts as they help scientists achieve broader impact in public education.

### Get Involved

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