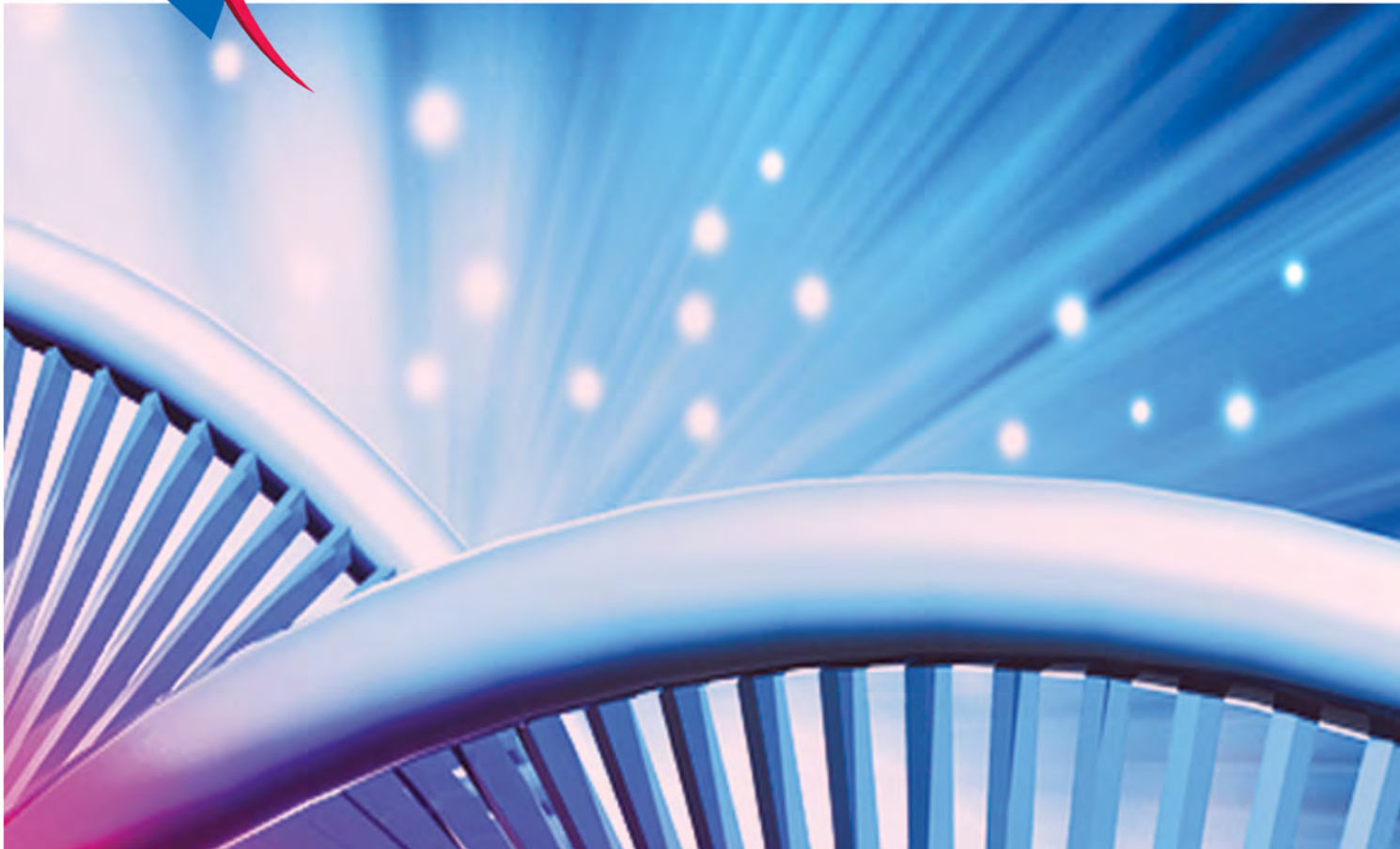




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Like Never Before

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“In the end, we only conserve what we love. We will only love what we understand. We will only understand what we are taught.”

These words from Senegalese environmentalist Dr. Baba Dioum ring so true. What a wonderful semester it has been, having the opportunity to facilitate learning for these 7th grade “Stars”! My hope was to not only engage the students with a variety of thought-provoking experiences but to equip them with the tools that responsible young adults need to continue to become stewards of our environment.

Throughout our course we studied barrier beaches and salty marshes. We had sand blown in our faces and handled slimy, squirming animals. At each turn we explored diversity but in the end we learned that similar factors govern the ecological importance of all environments. Most of all, students realized that they play an integral part in the survival and sustainability of the marine ecosystem. It is my wish that your experiences with Stars Challenge may bring you closer to a lifetime of enjoyment and discovery in the wonders of the world around us!

Fondly,
Diana Burich























Mollusks - Molluscs

Characteristics

Mantle

Siphons

Soft-bodied

Move by muscular foot

Radula (tongue)

Trochophore

















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