

NEUROSCIENTIST

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"When I was younger, science was the furthest thing from what I wanted to do. No one had told me it was an option for me, and I definitely could not have come to that conclusion on my own. The fact is, it does not matter where you come from or even how smart you are, you can be whatever you set your mind to."

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Tamara Allard is a Ph.D. student at the University of Maryland in College Park where she studies neurocognitive development, specifically memory and brain development in children between three and five years old.

Tamara was born and raised in Yakima, Washington was crowned Miss Sunfair 2020, and is an advocate for access to higher education, especially for those students who are furthest from opportunity.

FUN FACT: Tamara says her time with the Miss America Organization has made her a more dynamic person. Beauty does not preclude science.

