



**Margaret A. Davidson Coastal Career Development Program**  
**Washington, DC Workshop Monday June 3, 2019**  
**Duke DC Office, 1201 Pennsylvania Avenue NW, Washington, DC 20004**

## **DRAFT AGENDA**

- 8:00 – 8:30 Check in and settle in (light breakfast and coffee/tea provided)
- 8:30 – 9:45 *Morning Plenary Session #1*  
Opening welcome  
Kim Grubert, The Coastal Society Board of Directors  
Tom Bigford, The Coastal Society Board of Directors  
Setting the Stage: Margaret Davidson’s Legacy and Coastal Careers  
Jeff Payne, NOAA National Ocean Service  
From the Marsh to the Hill: The Importance of Science Communication  
Jenn Raulin, Chesapeake Bay National Estuarine Research Reserve
- 9:45 – 10:00 Break (coffee/tea provided)
- 10:00 – 12:00 *Morning Plenary Session #2*  
Opportunities in the Nonprofit Sector  
Ben Scheelk, The Ocean Foundation  
Sarah Cooley, The Ocean Conservancy  
Opportunities in the Consulting World  
Jill Meyer, Lynker Technologies  
Meghan Massaua, Meridian Institute  
From Fellowships to the Federal Government  
Katherine Chambers, U.S. Army Corps of Engineers  
Laura Petes, National Oceanic & Atmospheric Administration (NOAA)
- 12:00 – 1:00 Networking Lunch (catered lunch provided)
- 1:00 – 2:30 *Career Skills Session #1*  
Establishing your personal brand and elevator speech  
Joan Plisko, Plisko Sustainable Solutions  
Establishing a mentor relationship  
Coreen Weilminster, Chesapeake Bay National Estuarine Research Reserve  
Curtis Bennett, National Aquarium  
Tips for conducting informational interviews  
Christine Conn, Maryland Department of Natural Resources



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- 2:30 – 3:00 Break (coffee/tea provided)
- 3:00 – 4:30 *Career Skills Session #2*  
Getting Hired: trips to perfect your resume and cover letter  
Marlene Kaplan, NOAA Office of Education  
Navigating USAJobs  
Gina Mason, NOAA Fisheries  
Nailing your job interview  
Peyton Robertson, National Weather Service
- 4:30 – 5:00 Group Discussion, Q&A, Wrap Up

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