

## Impressive stories of women in STEAM creating sustainable solutions for problems the world faces.

The advances and discoveries being made by those in STEAM are essential to creating a sustainable and equitable world. In *Women and GIS, Volume 3: Champions of a Sustainable World*, meet 31 diverse women working in science and research, conservation and the environment, education and the arts, business, humanitarianism, and social justice who are using geospatial technology to create solutions for the biggest challenges we face today.



# SAVANNA NAGORSKI & MELISSA K. SCHUTTEN

Supporting urban development and tribal communities

### Fun fact!

Favorite trip of Savanna's: "We went on a road trip together in 2015 from Oklahoma to Arizona. Our main priority was to visit our tribe, the Chickasaw Nation, to show gratitude to the educational department that afforded us our higher education degrees and to visit our tribe's cultural center. Chickasaw also has a state-of-the-art geospatial technologies department. We visited their offices to meet the team and were gifted beautiful maps the tribe produced. We've got a few of them framed and hanging in our homes."

Melissa, *left*, and Savanna on their Chickasaw road trip in 2015.



Savanna: "Don't be afraid to enroll in that one class that is generally male-dominated and/or that you're interested in but may have friends or family discouraging you. The first step is just showing up."

Melissa: "The world will be a better place when your knowledge, experiences, and perspectives are reflected in STEM and GIS."

#### Melissa

#### **Position**

Equity, access, and community engagement lead
Washington Sea Grant

#### Education

MA in policy studies
University of Washington, Bothell

BA in global studies and society, ethics, and human behavior University of Washington, Bothell

#### Savanna

#### **Position**

Land-use planner and GIS analyst ESM Consulting Engineers

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