

Bio

Sean Russell

Sean Russell is a conservationist and environmental activist whose work includes serving as the director and founder of the youth-driven, marine debris prevention effort, the “Stow It-Don’t Throw It” Project, his volunteer work in environmental education programs with Florida 4-H, the Florida Aquarium, as well as his work as an education volunteer at Mote Marine Laboratory in Sarasota, Florida. At Mote Marine Laboratory, he also spent two years studying human impacts on the Sarasota Bay dolphin population.

Dedicated to youth engagement, Sean has served as the Florida 4-H State Council President, as a member of the Florida 4-H Foundation Board of Directors and is a current member of the State Farm Youth Advisory Board and the Florida 4-H Youth Development Advisory Council. He is currently working with the Global 4-H Project to support growing 4-H agricultural education programs in developing African countries. Sean also worked with other youth, across the country, to launch *Green My Parents*, an innovative program designed to mobilize young people to “green” their families’ lifestyles. Most recently, as an educational initiative of the “Stow It-Don’t Throw It” Project, Sean has launched a Youth Ocean Conservation Summit created to empower students with the knowledge they need to launch their own ocean conservation projects. Sean is a Biology major at the University of Florida. In his spare time, he enjoys hiking, kayaking, SCUBA diving, and biking.