



## **Southeast Region**

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## **HIGHLIGHTS**

### **Training: Miami-Dade College Teacher Training**

This October, FPAN SE staff including Mallory Fenn, Tasia Scott, Ashley Gravlin-Beman and Sara Ayers-Rigsby conducted a teacher training workshop in partnership with Miami-Dade College. This program was geared towards future educators. Here, students in the mathematics education program learned how to incorporate Project Archaeology and archaeology themed lesson plans into STEM programming for future use in the classroom. A major highlight was pretending to be underwater archaeologists mapping a shipwreck! FPAN will return to MDC in April to continue this partnership.



**Ms. Fenn at Miami-Dade College**

### **Outreach: Sip of Science at Miami Science Barge**

In December, Mallory Fenn presented at Sip of Science, a monthly program at the Miami Science Barge geared towards young professionals in the city. The Miami Science Barge is a

floating environmental innovation laboratory located on Biscayne Bay that is designed to highlight sustainability in Miami. Fenn presented research on Miami and circum-Caribbean migration between Bahamas, Cuba, and south Florida to a packed crowd of over 100 Miami-ans. Fenn also demonstrated technologies like flint knapping and shell tools in her presentation, and allowed participants to “visit” sites virtually through Google Cardboard, which allows viewers to have an immersive 3D experience. FPAN SE’s library of virtual site tours includes Big Mound City, the Miami Circle, and the Cutler Fossil Site, amongst others.



**Fenn presenting at Sip of Science**

### **Progress on Strategic Plan Objectives**

- **Goal 1: Thinking Like a Network By Delivery of Standardized Programs**
  - FPAN SE assisted coordinating center and NW staff in a Heritage Awareness Diving Seminar held in West Palm Beach.
  - Sara Ayers-Rigsby travelled to St. Augustine in the aftermath of Hurricane Matthew to assist the NE office with cleanup efforts and FEMA documentation.
- **Goal 2: Increase Protection of Archaeological Resources By Working at the Local Level**
  - FPAN SE staff continued working with Palm Beach County archaeologist and volunteers to provide long term housing for a collection recently accessioned by the county.
- **Goal 3: Provide for the Long-Term Viability of the Network**
  - Ms. Fenn continued to improve the region’s social media reach, reviving the Instagram account for the region and promoting the region’s Facebook account to reach 1440 followers.
  - Ms. Ayers-Rigsby completed the National Association of Interpreter’s Certified Interpreter Guide Training in October of 2016.