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## Master's Studies Take Broadbent To Belize In Miami University's Project Dragonfly Global Field Program – Brevard NC

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Alexa Broadbent

Brevard native Alexa Broadbent was recently accepted into the Global Field Program (GFP) and will be taking classes toward a Master of Arts degree in biology from Miami University through Project Dragonfly.

Because coursework for Project Dragonfly's GFP occurs on the web and at field sites internationally, students live throughout the country and world. As a first-year GFP student, Broadbent will complete web-based courses exploring biodiversity, conservation science, community and the relationship of biology with technology. This summer Broadbent will also travel to Belize to study coral reefs, manatees, howler monkeys, jaguars and other wildlife while learning the methods communities are using to sustain them.

Broadbent attended [Pisgah Forest Elementary School](#) and [Brevard Academy](#). She graduated high school from [Carolina Day School](#) in 2008. She received her undergraduate degree in biology at [Roanoke College](#) in Virginia where she played varsity field hockey and studied abroad at [James Cook University](#) in Australia.

Her post graduate internship involved researching Great White Sharks in South Africa through the White Shark Africa Program. In Cape Town, she served as an underwater shark educator and dive guide for [Oceans Aware Cage Diving Company](#).

Following this Broadbent worked for [Sea Camp](#) in Big Pine Key, Fla. as a marine science counselor and shark expert. While there, she obtained certifications in SSI Open Water Scuba, PADI Advanced Open Water Scuba, and NAUI Diver's Rescue Certification. She also worked for the [Global Leadership Adventure Corporation Company](#) as an international mentor for high school students in Costa Rica and Ecuador.

Alexa is the daughter of Drs. Andy and Rebecca Broadbent of Penrose.