

THE PAST FOUNDATION

access through innovation

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In 2000 Annalies founded the PAST Foundation, an organization she envisioned could lead the way to connecting scientific research with classrooms, schools and communities. If **You can't Be what You can't See and You can't Do what You don't Know** - then the PAST Foundation is determined to change the paradigm in education to ensure that all students have access to opportunity and high quality education.

From 2000-2006 Annalies concurrently oversaw the PAST Foundation and taught at East Carolina University's Program in Maritime Studies. Well known for her Anthropological work in the area of Shipwreck Archaeology, Corbin's research focused on the intersection of archaeological investigations and public participation, including K-12 education. Combining her passion for research with public outreach and engagement, the scope and vision of PAST evolved rapidly. In 2005, when PAST opened its headquarters in Columbus, Ohio, Annalies turned all efforts to building the PAST Foundation, assembling a team that could grow the reach and mission. From a single school partnership in 2006, Annalies has grown PAST's partnerships across the nation, building a reputation for both transforming educational delivery and understanding emerging 21st century education.

In 2012, STEMconnector in US News lists Annalies Corbin among the top, 100 Women Leaders in STEM education. Annalies was also recognized for her accomplishments in The Women's Book Magazine, 2010-2011.

In 2014, Annalies's commitment to transforming schools led to the development of PAST Innovation Lab. Connecting directly with teachers through online professional development courses, a MAEd program and on-site workshops, PAST Innovation Lab impacts more classrooms and expands learning opportunities for teachers and students everywhere.

For over 18 years, under Annalies' leadership, PAST has been a leader in designing STEM education across the nation, bringing transdisciplinary problem-based learning to educators and experiential programs to students. Most notably, PAST was recognized by the U.S. Department of Education for its Excellence in Innovation in the STEM 2026 vision report. PAST was the only educational entity in Ohio to be included in this publication.

PAST was also recognized in 2014, by CGI America and former President Bill Clinton for their outstanding work, and again in 2015 for their achievements in improving STEM education in rural America. In 2015, the PAST Innovation Lab was recognized by the White House Summit on High School Design.

Annalies received her baccalaureate and master degrees in Anthropology and Maritime Archaeology from the Universities of South Dakota and East Carolina. The University of Idaho awarded her a doctorate in Anthropology and History. In addition to her work with PAST, Annalies also serves on the Board of Directors for the Ohio Farm Bureau Foundation, the Society for Historical Archaeology and the the Co-Editor-in-Chief for the Journal of Maritime Archaeology.

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