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Manager of the Month



GARRETT STONE
August 2025

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Meet Garrett,

Dr. Garrett Stone took over as the Senior Director of Learning and Insights in January of this year and has helped make tremendous progress with the efforts of moving Thanksgiving Point's mission forward. He has been a professor, a caregiver, and a researcher in past positions, and uses skills from all three in his current role. Garrett is a leader who embodies the 3 C's and strives to help everyone he works with feel heard, appreciated, and supported. He is a master of following up and following through, making sure that projects he commits to get done and done right. He patiently and persistently helps to challenge those around him to grow and learn, offering guidance and assistance all along the way. He takes the time to get to know his team and works hard on their behalf. His calm demeanor and willing attitude are appreciated by his team. He is quick to roll up his sleeves and jump-in to serve, no matter how trivial or small the task at hand may seem. Garrett is quick with a joke- although some of them get more groans than laughs. He is a caring father and husband who loves spending time with his family, always up for taking them on adventures. He enjoys the occasional period piece and humbly denies that he is a talented rock climber and athlete. Garrett is making a huge impact with the teams that are fortunate enough to enjoy his company, example, and leadership.

-Logan Gonzales

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Garrett Stone, our Senior Director of Learning & Insights, continues to demonstrate why he's an all-star at Thanksgiving Point! Earlier this year, Garrett earned a well-deserved promotion and now leads both our Learning & Engagement team—directing initiatives like our highly impactful Community Outreach, On-Campus Field Trips, and our School Programs—in addition to our “Voice of the Guest” research efforts. Garrett leads his team with empathy and vision, inspiring trust while charting new directions that have brought greater focus to our ability to achieve our mission. He also continues to lend his dedicated leadership to projects like our Growing Character Initiative, Jurassic Jungle, and Every Kid Counts.

A California native who's lived all over the map, Garrett's life is filled with adventure—whether it's rock climbing, co-teaching canyoneering, or homesteading with his wife Michelle and their three kids. Last year, he even trapped and relocated seven giant marmots (including one “the size of a grizzly bear”) to save the family garden.

Garrett's curiosity, leadership, and knack for turning big ideas into reality make him an incredible part of our team. Congratulations, Garrett!

-Dave Coltrin

Thank you!

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