

*Diahan Southard*



After getting bitten by the DNA bug as a high school student, Diahan went on to study at Brigham Young University where she earned a bachelors degree in microbiology. She worked before and after graduation for the Sorenson Molecular Genealogy Foundation, one of the first efforts to create a correlated genetic and genealogical database.

Growing up with the budding genetic genealogy industry led her to found Your DNA Guide, where she provides personalized, interactive experiences to assist individuals and families in interpreting their genetic results in the context of their genealogical information. That means she can take you step by step through any kind of DNA test in a way that you will understand—and even enjoy!

Diahan has been pleased to lecture around the world to national and local audiences of hundreds (or handfuls!). You will walk away from her presentations inspired by her fun, upbeat energy. You might also be surprised to leave feeling that you really can do this DNA thing! This is because she has a passion for genetic genealogy, a genuine love for people, and a gift for making the technical understandable.

Diahan is the author of several [quick guides](#) on genetic genealogy, a featured writer for Family Tree Magazine, a regular contributor to Genealogy Today, a former

contributor to *Genealogy Gems*, and contributor to several other publications.

While she truly enjoys enlightening minds of genealogists everywhere, her greatest DNA contribution is her three children. To them she devotes the majority of her time and energies as they are ages 16, 14, and 11. She feels it is a true gift that she can be a stay-at-home mom and a work-from-home business woman. Of course, this would never be possible without the unwavering support of her tall and handsome husband who holds down the fort in south Florida as she travels and lectures across the world.

You can [follow Diahan on Twitter at @DNA diahan](#).