



Cleveland Museum of Natural History Presents The Science of Influence with Alexis Nikole Nelson

CLEVELAND, OH—January 22, 2026—The Cleveland Museum of Natural History invites the community to a compelling evening of discussion titled *The Science of Influence* with Alexis Nikole Nelson on Thursday, February 19, 2026 in the Museum's Murch Auditorium.

Part of the Linda and Les Vinney *Know Your World* Lecture Series, this program features Alexis Nikole Nelson, the forager and content creator known online as [@blackforager](#) and one of *TIME* magazine's TIME100 Creators of 2025. Nelson is known for her infectious enthusiasm about the benefits of sourcing food from nature, and has amassed millions of followers across social media, teaching others about plants found in the wild. Nelson holds degrees in environmental science and theater from the Ohio State University, and has given a TED talk, appeared on Jimmy Kimmel, and been featured in publications such as the *New York Times*.

During a moderated discussion, the program will explore Nelson's love of science and nature and how she began her journey into foraging. The conversation will also highlight how she draws on her background in environmental science and theater to inspire audiences to get outside, engage with the natural world, and become citizen scientists.

Event Information

Museum doors open at 6:30pm; the discussion will begin at 7pm. Beverages and grab-and-go items will be available for purchase in Origins Café before the program. Parking is available in the Museum's attached garage. Standard rates apply.

For ticket prices and registration, [visit the Museum's website](#).

About the Cleveland Museum of Natural History

The Cleveland Museum of Natural History illuminates the world around us and inspires visitors to engage with the natural forces that shape their lives. Since its founding in 1920, the Museum has



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pioneered scientific research to advance knowledge across diverse fields of study and used its outstanding collections, which encompass millions of artifacts and specimens, to deepen the public's understanding of the dynamic connections between humans and nature. Through its Natural Areas Program, the Museum stewards more than 12,500 acres of protected ecosystems across northern Ohio. A community gathering place, educational center, and research institution, the Museum is a vital resource that serves Cleveland and the nation. For more information, visit CMNH.org.

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