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## STUDENT TESTIMONIALS

## At the Center for Advanced Research and Technology (CART), increased rates of community college and CSU/UC attendance highlight the success of the Linked Learning education model. Below, CART students talk about their experience with Linked Learning and share personal stories of success in high school, college and beyond.

"I was in the environmental science lab during my senior year, 2000-2001. Currently, I am working as a research assistant in a bioengineering lab at the University of Washington, as a science tutor for Seattle-area community colleges, and I just applied to medical school. In hindsight, CART helped me tremendously along this science-heavy track. Skills I learned in the classes there gave me an edge up as I moved through college science. Overall, CART helped me tremendouced me to real-life applications of topics I would ordinarily learn 'a-la-carte'. (No pun intended!)"

Michelle Giarmarco University of Washington

"I've been out of CART for less than a year and it has already helped me here at Cal State East Bay. Looking around at others who are intended graphic design majors makes me realize how far ahead of them I am because of what I've learned at CART. It has also helped my public speaking skills greatly, which made Communications class a breeze."

Megan Seymour Cal State East Bay

"I believe that CART gave me the advantage in college by allowing me to explore and confirm my science interest at an early age. By the time I was in college, I had a steady plan which saved me a lot of time and headaches compared to other students who were still trying to pinpoint their interest to pursue."

Thoey Ngo University of California Santa Cruz

"The teachers and program at CART kindled my interest in computers and technology at a significant time for me... After graduating, I went to Fresno City College for a couple of years before transferring to Fresno State to complete my degree. I continued to have an interest in computers in college and eventually decided to major in mass communication and journalism with an emphasis in digital media."

Joseph M. Gentry California State University, Fresno