Thanks to the efforts and support of my professor, Dr. Chong, and a few classmates in the Data Science program, I am now pursuing a certificate in Data Science. I had Dr. Chong in an upper level Data Science class called Healthcare Data and Analytics because it was a requirement for my major. I had a lot of fun in that class and didn't have a problem with learning how to code in R Studio. Dr. Chong and my fellow classmates recognized that and highly recommended I join Data Science. I was iffy at first so Dr. Chong suggested that I apply for the SPICE program over the summer and see how I like it. I loved participating in the SPICE program and would recommend everyone to participate because it was a great experience and the coordinators were very helpful in making sure everyone felt comfortable. I loved it so much that I emailed Dr. Chong afterwards so I could officially declare a certificate in Data Science with the help of the Chaminade advising staff.

In terms of either technology driving society or society driving technology, I think both equally depend on each other. Technological advancement can only continue if society is willing to adapt and learn how to use it efficiently, while society heavily depends on technology for the advancement of the human race. New technology is useless if no one is using it or if it does not help create change in the world. Without technology, society would not have been able to progress in the manner that it has and as fast as it has. The two compliment each other.

In this day and age, I do not think it is possible to live a lifestyle without technology. Technology is not just computers, cell phones and other electrical devices. Technology could be using a pencil instead of an ink and quill. It could also be sitting on a comfortable chair instead of an uncomfortable rock. Society today has progressed so much with the help of technology that there is no reason to go backwards. We have become so used to the technology that we have today that we don't know any other way to survive. For example, I believe I can't do anything without my phone because it contains the phone numbers of everyone I know without me having to memorize them, the ability to call help in case of emergencies, social media to keep in contact with people I don't see very often, and a GPS if I ever get lost. My phone has almost everything I need and almost my whole life is crammed into it.

I do not know what the next innovation or era in technology will be. I am still trying to wrap my

head around the current innovative era. I love using TikTok but I still don't fully understand why it's so addictive or how the algorithms work. I also do not know how crypto currency works or how to keep track of stocks, which seems to have gained a lot of popularity recently. I do not have the capacity to predict the next innovation when I am not sure about the current one.