What is your major and why did you choose your major?

Here at Chaminade, my two majors are Criminal Justice and Data Science. The main reason that I chose Criminal Justice was that I had switched from being a Forensic Science major. The main reason for switching majors is because I was interested in working within the criminal justice field, but I had no desire to deal with chemistry and felt like I wanted nothing to do with a career in Forensic Science. As I knew, I felt something criminology drew me closer than all of the other majors. As for Data Science, this program was introduced by Dr. Chong at the Cybersecurity event where he gave a presentation on cybersecurity. From there, I had some interest in the major and decided to take a deeper dive. One of the key things that led me to choose the major is that the field of Data Science can add skill sets that would assist in making me a more marketable person in job searching. This degree also allows me to have a second option. Sometimes when you have one degree, it can be very hard on an individual that decides later they wish they study something else. That is just one luxury of having another major. Another thing to mention is that a lot of people just have a criminal justice degree and adding data science is something that would set me apart from other people. Another key thing is that Data Science is a growing field, and people that are a part of the justice system are looking for data scientists. Lastly, Being able to study Data Science gives me a different perspective on certain topics that are related to Criminal Justice in some way. So that is why and how I decided on the major.

Why did you choose Chaminade University to pursue your major?

Now the question to ask is Why I chose to attend Chaminade? The first reason I chose Chaminade University was that it was the cheapest university out of the other schools I had applied to in high school. Another reason being is that during the time I arrived at Chaminade University, when covid had become a big thing. So being able to live at home and study at a

University where I currently live lined up perfectly. The sense I was able to grow and learn so much during my time at the university. However, I would have never expected to be in the position that I am in today.

What are 3 strengths you learned about yourself during your time at Chaminade University and please explain each strength?

The three strengths that I learned about myself during my time at Chaminade University are resilience, opportunism, and open-mindedness. Resilience because of all the failures and hardships that come with college. Whether it comes to relationships, social life, education life, and work life, all students experience some adversity that comes their way. However, I have been able to overcome those challenges, and they have become learning lessons. Those learning lessons would turn into growth opportunities that allow me to be "an extension of my original self." One thing I have noticed over time is that all of the hardships and failures have helped me grow into a stronger individual. The hardships allowed me to be an opportunist, which has helped me tremendously in growth at Chaminade. To take on opportunities like OSAL and an internship with Dr. Turner is something that I will always be grateful for. OSAL is the office that assisted in my growth to be a more confident and well-rounded student. To develop into the person I aspire to be and not the person that people want me to become. Lastly, being open-minded has allowed me to be susceptible to growing. Finding the need to grow when I experience hardship with my best friend during my first year at Chaminade University. From that point on, I decided to be more open-minded to opportunities that have come my way, which has bound me to want to grow and learn as an individual to keep aspiring to be better.

After this semester, what is 1 thing you would like to improve on and explain your plan?

One thing that I want to improve on is my experience within both of my majors. My plan, from now on, is to work closely with professors and especially with people who have connections to assist me in finding agencies or organizations that would be willing to give me the opportunity to intern/gain experience. Professors have become a huge asset at Chaminade. Not only do professors provide knowledge, but they provide connections to outside agencies that not a lot of students are able to get. I want to gain experience so that it can provide a better understanding of what I would like to study in grad school. As I would not want to have a master's degree and not be able to enjoy the work I do within that realm.

What has been your biggest accomplishment so far? Note: No accomplishments will not be accepted as a response.

My biggest accomplishments so far have been working in OSAL, having to intern two times, being able to double major, and coming to Chaminade University. As for a personal accomplishment, I would say that I am proud of taking opportunities to help me expand my knowledge and growth. Chaminade University is a place I will forever be grateful for.

Can you share why you are/were interested in studying in this technology discipline (taking this DS 100 class or pursuing a major, minor, or certificate)?

I was interested in studying this technology discipline because this contributes to my major. This course allowed very important insights into what technology is and how it came to be. This course also allowed me to really have some of the tools in order to go about within the Data

Science degree. To be educated on various applications that get used within the field of technology.

Do you believe technology drives society or does society drives technology? Please explain your thoughts.

It can go both ways mainly because society may run into an issue where they need technology to perform a task, like a wheelbarrow. A wheelbarrow is something that society drives to help them perform the task; however, technology drives society to find ways to improve, just like how the wheelbarrow can become a wagon that can use less energy in comparison to using the wheelbarrow.

Is it possible to live a life or lifestyle without technology? Please explain your thoughts and provide any examples.

It is possible. But technology is an extension of our bodies; therefore, we really don't live without technology. A stick can be made into a torch or spear. A tree can be used to create a table. One example mentioned in class was the pencil. From a tree is a stick, and from the stick, it can be shaped into a short pencil combined with lead. The pencil combined with lead can also add an eraser at the other end. Essentially, we don't live without technology.

I would honestly have no idea. Technology moves along so fast that you can only expect what is being made if we are trying to figure out what has already been made.

In your opinion, what is the next innovation or era in technology after this data-driven era?

In my opinion, I think that the next innovation of technology will probably have to deal with something that can affect the economy to a more automated system. Maybe something they will work on is to create vehicles that solely rely on electricity so that companies can work towards

creating a more sustainable and efficient environment. This can involve cars, planes, trucks, or even vehicles that are used within various industries, such as, construction or farming.

Please share some of your educational-career goals you would like to achieve while at Chaminade University? Note: No educational-career goals or "I don't know" will not be accepted as a response.

Some of the educational-career goals that I would like to achieve is obtaining two bachelor's degrees, as I am already along that path. I would also like to finish my undergraduate career with a GPA higher than 3.7. To be able to continue on the path of growth as a college student and be able to keep progressing along this journey. Lastly, one goal that I have in mind is to eventually move on to graduate school. Once I find something that I am really interested in.

Please share a career goal after you obtain your degree from Chaminade University? Note: No career goals or "I don't know" will not be accepted as a response.

One career goal that I have in mind is to work somewhere that allows me to consistently work towards a better future. Somewhere that allows me to continue growing as an individual and allows me to move up and achieve better things. Also a place that pushes me to work towards something greater.

After obtaining your degree from Chaminade University, please share on what you believe your life will be like?

I would imagine my life will have its challenges. Having to adjust from a life of having some freedom to working is something that will take some time. Even being able to find a job will be something that I see in the future. One day I will get a Master's degree and let that guide me to that path that I see fit. Aside from education, I will also have to figure out the career I want to

pursue and also be situated with all of the living expenses that come with moving on in the next stage of my life.