Technology Reflection

Coming from a technological high school, I always had an interest working with technology and computers. During my senior year in high school, I had the opportunity to intern with a company called OceanIT, which was a company that specializes in data analysis and AI technology. Coming to Chaminade University, I registered myself for the Data Science Applications class because I thought it would be something that interested me and it did. As I continued in this class, I realized that I can see myself doing more data science related work post-graduation, or work similar to what I did in my high school internships.

Answering the question on if I believe technology drives society or if society drives technology, I would have to say that it goes both ways. With technology, many of the things we use or do in society would be harder to accomplish. Technology has become our main source of communication and accessing information. However, technology wouldn't be as evolved if it wasn't for society driving it as well. For example, we constantly look up information via search engines such as Google, Yahoo, or Bing, and typically the search engine tries to autofill what it thinks you are trying to search up. It takes the data and information from previous searches to make these guesses. We, as a society, are also working on technology in ways that will better our lifestyles in the coming future. However, can we live without technology?

There is more to the meaning of technology than just electronic objects, but if we were to cut off those types of technology, we would still be using other means of "technology". To put in perspective, if we had the same lifestyle as the Native Americans and didn't have our modern day electronics, we would still be using technology. How Native Americans survived was through using what the land provided and they created systems that would help them thrive agriculturally. They had systems to hunt, systems to protect themselves, and created things to

keep themselves safe and warm. This was their technology, so I believe that without modern electronics, we would still be using technology in our lives as systems of survival.

In my opinion, what I think would be the next innovation would be creating a living environment in space. I think this would be the new era of technology because we have the technology to get to space, but I feel as though there are scientists and engineers working on creating a living environment in space. We always see in movies or TV shows about Earth becoming inhabitable and we turn to space as our only option. It's not a 'far out there' idea since we are capable of reaching space in the first place, it's just the means of "how would we survive in space with communities".