

***An Invitation to participate  
In research  
To understand  
Persistence in  
Science, Engineering and  
Technology***

*My research examines non-academic work and volunteer experiences of current and former community college students who believe these experiences influenced their decisions to pursue science or science technology as an academic major. Stories of work experiences that made you feel more likely or less likely to continue pursuing a degree in science are equally important!*

**Are you:**

**A Community College student or transfer to University?**

**Considering (or considered) a natural science, engineering, or computer science/technology degree?**

**Willing to be interviewed about paid or volunteer work experiences that influenced how you feel about pursuing a science/technology degree?**

I am recruiting students who have **completed at least one semester** of community college, as well as former community college students who have transferred to university to participate in my study. You may be eligible to participate if you are

- Willing to engage in a preliminary telephone interview to learn about the study and discuss eligibility
- Willing to be engage in two face-to-face interviews lasting approximately 40 minutes each
- 18 years of age or older at the time the consent to participate in the research is signed
- Currently or previously (within six years of the interview) enrolled at community college or university
- Engaged now, or previously, in work you believe to have influenced your attitudes about a science or technology degree including
  - Paid employment (including military service)
  - Work-study, Service-learning projects, grant-funded student research
  - Volunteer work (such as with the Red Cross, United Way, Project Clean Sweep, Earthwatch, etc.

If interested, please **email the researcher**, Maureen Loomer (**[mloomer@capellauniversity.edu](mailto:mloomer@capellauniversity.edu)**) for more information.

This research has been approved by Capella University and other study sites. All communication will be treated as private and confidential.

Study participants will be compensated for their time with one \$15.00 gift card at the completion of **each** of the two interviews (not more than 2 gift cards total).