

## **CAREER AWARENESS PROJECT (CAP) PERSONAL STUDENT STORIES**

#1 -- Hi! My name is Mae and I have been in CAP since fifth grade. Mr. Mitchum has made CAP very interesting and fun for kids who want to learn about future careers. CAP has made me think better about the classes I have to take in high school and taught me to take school more seriously. I have attended school every day and even got an award in middle school for going to school every day. I did not miss one day of school in the three years I attended middle school! CAP has shown me the importance of getting a great career. I need to do well now so I can go to college and pursue my career dreams. CAP made me realize that if you skip school, don't do well on assigned work, cheat, disrespect the teachers and your peers, or get into trouble, you won't get far in life. It might get you flipping burgers at McDonald's but I don't want that to be my career and I'm pretty sure no one really does -- no offense to people who do flip burgers. The best part of CAP, I think, is the presenters. The presenters are people from different professional fields who come talk to us about their careers, what they do, and how they achieved where they are today. Some of the interesting ways the careers are presented to us is by going on field trips or through fun activities given to us when the presenters visit our school. It is because of CAP that I know I can achieve my career goal of becoming a veterinarian.

#2 -- I, Miranda, have really benefitted from the CAP program because I learned that the classes I take in school are important to get me where I need to go. Since CAP, my attendance is perfect and I never miss a day of school! CAP has shown me that it's not easy when you miss school and have to make up all the missed work. The program has made me think about jobs in the future, that it's fun to go through school, and to do the best you can, because it all adds up. I need to keep up my grades in order to be accepted into college. The CAP program has taught me the importance of staying in school and getting a good education if you want to be successful in life. CAP also has presenters come to talk to us. What I learn from the presenters is that they had a good time going through school, and have a job now that they love for life. The information presented from the speakers is very interesting because we learn about their careers and even go on field trips to learn more about their jobs. I would like to take this time and say thank you to the CAP program because it has helped me through school. So, thank you!!!!

#3 -- Hi! My name is Harry. The CAP Program has been a huge influence on my life. I have been in the CAP since the fifth grade and it has been awesome! CAP has made me think further into my future and has shown me that I must prepare for my future if I am to ever achieve my dreams. Being in CAP, I have been taught that is never too early to start looking into the future and determining a path to choose. The program has shown me that I have to take school very seriously and do my absolute best in order to succeed. Also, it's shown me the importance of so many things in life from getting involved, to studying hard in school, to determining a career. The program has given me chances to see how the real world operates. One part of CAP that is awesome is the presenters. CAP allows students to talk to people in real professions and receive

knowledge on that profession. The professions are from a variety of places and give the students a range of choices. I now know that I need to work hard in school and apply myself more in order to have a successful career path. I plan to be either a marine biologist or a crime scene investigator. I know that slacking off won't help me – it will only hurt me and my future. Ever since CAP taught me these things, I have taken all of my assignments in class very seriously and have applied all that I know and have tried very hard on each one. I spend extra time after school to get help from teachers for subjects that I struggle to understand; no matter how long it takes. I have even gotten involved more with sports and clubs. I think that the best part of the program is the organized events such as volunteering. I love helping people. By volunteering, I am able to get involved and help the community. It gives such a good feeling to help out. While volunteering, you meet so many people and get to know them. I think that it is a fun process. All of it! CAP is a wonderful program that I love. It has shown me what my life can be if I set my mind to it.