

# Early College Testimonials

## Alumni

### SYDNEY DEMPSEY

Sydney is a senior at UH Mānoa studying Computer Engineering. She is a first generation college student and graduate of Maui High School.

*“Through Early College, I developed good study habits before graduating from high school. This allowed me to maintain a high GPA throughout college and opened up many internship and club opportunities to supplement my education. Instead of struggling to balance a full-time schedule as most new college students do, I was able to focus on joining projects and clubs to become more involved within the Electrical Engineering Department. This enabled me to start building my resume early, stand out when applying to internships, and secure a job before beginning my senior year.”*



### SHELBY HOM

Shelby is a freshman at UH Mānoa majoring in Marine Biology. She is a graduate of Roosevelt High School and is currently interning with the Center for Tomorrow's Leaders.

*“I am very grateful that I had the opportunity to take Early College classes because it allowed me to fulfill my general education requirements before graduating from high school; this has given me a great deal of flexibility in my schedule as I plan out the next four years. Although my major is Marine Biology, I am still exploring my interests and taking a variety of classes, which would not have been possible in a 4-year plan without having already fulfilled my general education requirements. Early College classes have been foundational to my growth as a college student and as a person.”*



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### BRIENT KEALOHA A. HUTCHINSON

Brient is a junior majoring in Creative Media at UH West O'ahu. He is a graduate of Waipahu High School.

*“Early College courses helped me develop college and career readiness skills. I developed a better understanding of what is expected of me in a college setting and became more responsible for completing my assignments on a timely basis. I continue to practice being a productive and proactive student and ask questions when I need clarification and help. The Early College program offers courses that may not be present in high school, which gives students the chance to start moving toward their future careers.”*



### STEPHANIE MATSUDA

Stephanie, a senior at UH Mānoa, is also pursuing an Associate in Science - Paralegal Degree at Kapi'olani Community College. She earned 44 college credits while attending Roosevelt High School.

*“Although I should be a sophomore based on my age, I have senior status and will earn a Bachelor of Arts degree in Sociology and a minor in Political Science within 2 years of graduating from high school. I am especially thankful for this program because it assisted me with my transition from high school to college with regard to registration, getting to know professors, and allowing me to get used to the campuses and the software they use. Throughout the course of my senior year in high school, I was really able to discover my likes and dislikes, set a solid foundation with my general education classes, and find my passion for the legal field.”*



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