

## **Empowered by Technology**

[Rhowan Ahmed] In college I have realized that there are a lot of things that I do have to teach myself, so I think it's very convenient that I just have everything that I need a click away.

[Matt DeGennaro] I feel that the digital tools just make things a lot easier, especially when you're dealing with a course with 150 students, you can reach them where they are.

[Jessica Santana] Students have become a lot more resilient and a lot more resourceful. I think there's an opportunity for us to reimagine what education can look like.

[Rhowan Ahmed] My family's originally from Sudan. My mom and my dad came from this country that's full of poverty. It means a lot to me to utilize my time that I have here wisely using these tools. Everything I use is pretty much on the internet. It's kind of like having a tutor in front of you without them actually being there. It has made everything so much more efficient in learning.

[Matt DeGennaro] I am the first person to graduate a 4-year college in my family. One of my most important things to do in my life is to give students here an opportunity to get a real science education. I decided to go with the new methods of integrating online content with in-class activities. Students watch the lecture when they want and how they want.

[Jessica Santana] Being a first generation college graduate, I realized that there was a huge discrepancy between where I was in my career and the community that I was from.

[Jessica Santana] As we think about our classrooms, our organizational environments, and how every single day we're seeing them more and more being powered by technology, I think it's critical for us to be thinking about how we can bring digital learning to students.

[Matt DeGennaro] I'm happy that I've shifted to this new model of teaching right away. Online tools can really make courses more interactive.

[Jessica Santana] It really has the opportunity to democratize information. I'm starting to see people actually take their education in their own hands.

[Rhowan Ahmed] Our generation went through seeing everything evolve, it just makes sense to do the same thing in the classroom.