

STUDENTS SPEAK: A Mastering Success Story

MasteringChemistry®



Jake Tenewitz

University of North Florida, Jacksonville, FL

Ambition/Career Goal: Upon graduation with both a biology and chemistry degree, I hope to gain entrance into a prestigious medical school.

In my free time... I am an avid outdoorsman. I enjoy a wide range of activities such as fishing, surfing, camping, and hiking.

What (or who) motivates and inspires you to graduate from college?

My mother is a single mom who works two jobs to support me and my brother and sister. I am motivated to not only make my mom proud, but to also set a good example for my younger siblings.

How did using MasteringChemistry help you succeed in your course?

When studying for an exam, completing practice problems from the textbook has certain limitations. What happens when one comes across a difficult problem and does not know the correct approach to use? MasteringChemistry solves that very issue with the “hints” option. When stuck on a problem, the hints feature provides users with a step-by-step solution to the problem. However, the user has to solve each individual step by his/herself, as hints do not just give out the answer! The hints feature allowed me to learn how to solve complex multi-step problems. Another feature that I really appreciated was the instant feedback. Once the user submitted an answer, he/she would immediately know if the answer was right or wrong! If one would get the answer wrong, MasteringChemistry will even provide feedback as to where one might have gone wrong.

What is the number one benefit of using MasteringChemistry?

I felt like the number one benefit of using MasteringChemistry was that it helped me prepare for my exams efficiently. I completed every homework set three to four times before the exam, and when I eventually took my exam, the questions were extremely similar! I was prepared for each and every exam, and I wound up with an A in the course.

How do you think your success from using MasteringChemistry will affect your college experience/future career?

I am pre-med majoring in biology, but I am considering a double major in biology and chemistry because I feel that everything is possible now! MasteringChemistry has allowed me to develop effective study habits which I will continue to build upon during the remainder of my collegiate career.

Read more inspirational stories at www.pearsonstudents.com/students-speak