

Interview Transcript

Chloe Deaver, 17 year-old who wants to be a pediatrician. She lives in Pekin, Illinois.

What did you think of the specimen and kit when it arrived?

“It was a lot bigger than I thought it was going to be. It didn’t even fit on the tray, it was so big. I was completely surprised,” she says.

I know you participated in another STEAM class at the Jump Simulation and Education Center in Peoria. Was it different to try doing this at home?

“My dad was actually really funny. He got his work lamp and set it up for me so I had an overhead light so it was set up really nice. It felt very professional doing it,” she recalls.

Did you like having your dad nearby, watching?

“He sat there the whole time watching me and he thought it was really cool. He joined in on the video session to watch. It was really funny.”

Mike Deaver, performance improvement specialist for OSF Innovation and parent of STEAM at Home student

You seem like a bit of a science guy. Was it hard not to be “a student” during the class?

“I tried not to touch while she did everything but it was hard to resist not to peek around and look at stuff. There was also an awesome tie back to my father who was a high school biology teacher. He got a kick out of hearing the dissection story and seeing the pictures and being able to ask her a lot of questions about her experience.” He adds, “That was fun.”

What did you think about the level of instruction and how he related to students?

Deaver shares, “As far as virtual experiences go, it was about as good as it could be. Shannon did a great job walking them through everything. He obviously could see all the kids, right, because he was making references to them as he went so it was really good.”

Was the class an overall good experience?

“He had a great way for them to dispose of the shark without making a mess at all. It was really well organized all the way through so I would encourage everyone to give it a try.”