Giaana Eckenweiler, as a Unalakleet student (left), attended NACTEC as a junior and senior in high school. Her experience helped direct her toward a profession in education. Ms. Eckenweiler is now a middle school teacher in the same Unalakleet school she once attended. In 2015 Giaana became the first former NACTEC student to return as a NACTEC chaperone (above), with her students participating in career exploratory training just as she once did as a student.

During high school, NACTEC helped Giaana to explore numerous career choices and gave her the opportunity to travel to college campuses to learn more about being a university student. These sessions helped Giaana to make friends, gain life skills, and see what life is like beyond high school. Giaana noted that “attending NACTEC puts students on the route toward success, focuses them on career choices, and helps them to gain experience in independent living.” Follow in Giaana’s footsteps and consider a career in Education!