

What are people saying about Connectopod?

Here's what our students are saying:

"What I like most about Connectopod is how it lets you use your voice."

Daniela Catalan, Connectopod Youth Reporter

"[In Connectopod] You get to explore different topics . . . like history, technology, social movements. It's really diverse and I really like that it's really well rounded."

Angelica Benitez, Connectopod Youth Reporter

"It's really interesting how we always get to interview and find new things about things we didn't know."

Victoria Benitez, Connectopod Youth Reporter

"Everything about Connectopod is fun, kind, and generous."

James Alltop, Connectopod Youth Reporter

Here's what parents and family members of students are saying:

"It is a wonderful team. My girls can learn how to write, to read, and feel confident, also. That is important in our lives!" *Norma Garcia, parent*

"[They] help out so many kids in our community but teach our youth how to have their voices heard while hearing others. My 9 year old nephew, who has apraxia of speech, loves Connectopod and has learned so much while making so many friends."

Amber, aunt of a student who took our program at his school, and is now a regular Connectopod reporter!

What do our collaborators have to say?

"Amaze-opod! Having Ms. Betsy and Ms. Andrea (Connectopod staff) work with my class was an amazing experience. They were able to connect with my students and get them excited about learning new things. They snuck in lessons on creative ways so the kids didn't even realize they were learning skills that will help them on state tests. Getting to see my students through fresh eyes made all the difference. Thank you Connectopod for giving us a wonderful, one of a kind experience that we will remember for the rest of our lives!"

Alora Herbst, Elementary School Teacher at Haskell STEAM Magnet

"I worked very closely with Betsy and Andrea on a project that was funded by the California Arts Council this year. Connectopod Learning have been such great collaborators - they are extremely proficient in working with young people, "work well with others" and in general, are hard working and produce the desired programmatic outcomes."

Angela Johnson Peters, Associate Director at The Social Justice Learning Institute

"Betsy and Andrea . . . have carefully crafted the organizational side of Connectopod as well as the creative side.

[They] have been vetted to be an official presenter for the Los Angeles Public Library system. . . Betsy and Andrea form a powerful team!"

Marcia Melkonian, Los Angeles Public Library West Valley Young Adult Library III

What's it like to be interviewed by Connectopod?

"Not only were they putting together the different equipment, and hooking up the mic, but the fluidity that transferred from that aspect of it, the technical aspect of it, to the actual interview process, I thought, was a testament to the quality of the work that [Connectopod students] are doing"

Dr. Gabriel Gutierrez, Department Chair, CSUN Chicana Studies Dept. and former KPFK Radio Host of "The Morning Review with Gabriel Gutierrez"

"This has been one of my favorite things I've done for Tree People. I'm not kidding."

Jessica Jewell Lanier, Independent Marketing Professional, former Marketing & Communications Supervisor at Tree People

"I had the great pleasure of being interviewed by the kids from the podcast. Wow! They were prepared. They were professional. They were sharp! And, frankly, they were better than quite a few adult interviewers I've heard before!"

Sylvia Lopez, former anchorwoman, KCAL9 and CBS2