

Dear AACG Conference organizers,

Thank you for allowing us to participate in the 28th AACGE Western Section conference at the Stanford Sierra Camp. As a rising senior in high school, this conference not only piqued my interest in pursuing a bachelor's degree in environmental engineering but also allowed me to take a closer look at what the researchers have been working on in their labs. Previously, all I knew about carbon was that it is one of the huge contributors to climate change, how it is used in photosynthesis, and its interactions between the atmosphere and the land. But this conference has now given me a clearer insight into how carbon dioxide can be sequestered from the atmosphere and how atmospheric carbon dioxide can be turned into Calcium Carbonate. Before, I never really liked or paid any attention to researching, but this conference proved things wrong. It wasn't till this conference I was able to understand the kind of role researching plays in engineering. As an aspiring environmental engineer, based on the knowledge that I have gained during this conference, I am now eagerly looking forward to researching more about developing new carbon sequestration strategies in the future. In my opinion, I found this conference to be an enriching experience for me. Even though the concepts being explained were advanced, the professors did a wonderful job of breaking things down into smaller chunks for us to understand especially during the poster session. With this being said, thank you once again for giving me and my fellow peers this wonderful opportunity this summer. We are all truly grateful for having been given this opportunity.

Thanks,

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