

Dear Mr. Zepeda-Ruiz:

My name is Jennyfer Caitlyn Bwata and this is my account of my time spent as a high school student at the 28th AACGE Western Section Conference on Crystal Growth & Epitaxy. This conference came upon me unexpectedly and turned out to be an amazing and inspiring opportunity that I was so honored to have been attended.

The conference was well organized, informative, and welcoming. Although I felt slightly intimidated by the overwhelming knowledge seeping from the many scientists and engineers present at the event, I was repeatedly encouraged to seek out information and learn openly by the organizers of the event as well as my chaperones. The environment upheld throughout the entirety of the conference made me comfortable and helped me further develop my ambitions and understand the road of education I would like to take in the future.

Above all, I believe this experience was very valuable and beneficial for me because it gave me the opportunity to see experts and to better understand the innovations that they have been working on. Seeing them caused me to ponder my own interests and it permitted me to understand the realm of different focuses one could experience in science. It opened my eyes to the endless possibilities that I could explore through college and gave me contacts with extremely intelligent and successful individuals.

I would recommend this event to other high school students with great ease because what I have gained through this conference is something that I will cherish for years to come. I am more than grateful for this opportunity and hope that it will be available to other students.

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