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Last spring, I had the opportunity to attend SEPA in New Orleans thanks to the support given to me from the Shackouls Honors College. I attended the conference along with a large number of my fellow researchers, all of us members of Dr. Kristina Hood's Health and Social Psychology Lab. While at the conference, I presented a poster with my research partner Shaquela Hargrove. Our research explored the associations between attitudes towards people living with HIV and HIV testing behaviors. The research found that if people had negative attitudes towards people living with HIV, they were less likely to be tested for HIV.

This experience gave me a chance to network with other people in the field of psychology that shared my interests. It also allowed me to hear new perspectives on my own research and ideas for future directions and ways to improve upon and make my research stronger. Overall, this conference was a phenomenal experience and I would not have been able to attend without the help of the Shackouls Honors College.