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On April 6th through April 8th, I was able to attend the National Conference for Undergraduate Research. Hundreds of the top undergraduate student across the nation came and were able to present their research at the University of Memphis. Research topics varied across all disciplines from animal and dairy sciences to English to physics. This was by far the biggest venue at which I have been able to present my research. A very interesting and useful addition to the conference aside from the research presentations was the graduate school fair. I was able to go around and talk to dozens of representatives from different schools like Purdue, Auburn, and even Harvard. These representatives were able to answer any questions that I had about graduate programs and the application process.

The biggest take away I had from the conference was that there are many students at my age doing incredible research in all areas that trouble our world today. This knowledge helps me to drive myself in my own areas of study while fueling my curiosity to dive deeper into problems that I never thought that I would be able to handle. Of course this opportunity would not have been made possible for me without the aid of the Shackouls Honors. It was there that I was first shown the way to not only ask the big questions but to try and answer them too.