

Delta Scholars Cultivating Leaders Conference

The Delta Scholars Cultivating Leaders Conference provided me with an opportunity to network in Boston, MA, alongside ten other scholars. During the conference, we toured two colleges, Brandeis University and Harvard University. At Brandeis, we heard from some of the leaders in the field of global economics, who spoke specifically about the health challenges faced by those in the least developed countries. At Harvard University, we toured several of its graduate schools. The first school we visited was Harvard Law School. This was the day that the main conference event was held. The event began with the Delta Scholars presenting their research topics. I presented my project on rare diseases in Mississippi. Following the presentations, an evening event was held, where we heard from leaders supporting the Mississippi Delta. In particular, we heard from Noah Harris, who leads the Mississippi Delta Project at Harvard Law School. Noah was inspirational to many of the scholars because he showed that an impact can be made in the Delta even by a student living so far away. Following this day of the conference, we were taken on tours of the Harvard T.H. Chan School of Public Health, where we heard about its graduate program as well as projects being conducted at the school. Next, we went to Harvard Medical School, where we received a tour of its library. Overall, I got to meet and network with individuals across Boston who are united in supporting the Mississippi Delta despite their location. It was inspiring to see brilliant individuals farther along in their careers than me all working to support a worthy cause.