

Honors College Conference Summary

My experience at the Mississippi Academy of Sciences (MAS) Conference provided me with a lot of valuable insight into wide range of research being conducted throughout the state. I attended many talks that pertained to bioinformatics, health sciences, and biochemical research. When I attended the bioinformatics seminars, I was able to learn about the processing power that UMMC has to offer and that they have many institutions dedicated towards bioinformatics. I primarily want to go into wet lab-based research, but I know how much value there is in bioinformatics in that it can streamline data analysis. I was able to reach out to some of the researchers there as to what are good starting points to learn coding that are beneficial for researchers.

Beyond this, I noticed that there were many talks dedicated towards pre-eclampsia studies. Each presentation highlighted how this disease remains one of the most common health issues affecting women in Mississippi, with several discussions exploring the biochemical aspects of potential treatments. One thing I wish I had done more of was talking with other students during the poster symposium. I felt somewhat intimidated by the high-level research being presented and was unsure where to begin conversations. I also wish I could have gotten some feedback for my presentation during the symposium for possible avenues to explore with my research. Overall, I really did enjoy my time at MAS and will be applying to go there next year as well.