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## HURP Travel Report

October 16-19<sup>th</sup> I was given the opportunity to attend the Biomedical Engineering Society Annual Meeting in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania for a poster presentation on an abstract I submitted for the conference. It was an honor to attend and take part in the largest gathering of biomedical engineers in the U.S. to celebrate research accomplishments and develops across the nation. While at the conference, I was able to listen to numerous talk and presentations on fascinating topics that were very informative. One such presentation included a panel of engineers working in industry that relayed their personal accounts of how they went from undergraduate education into industry. They stressed the importance of undergraduate research, co-ops, internships, and stated that any industry experience is good experience. Even if as job is not exactly what someone may be searching for, one opportunity can open the doors for many more and give the experiences necessary to reach a more desirable position in the future. At one of the other talks, keynote speaker Dr. Rebecca Richards-Kortum shared an inspiring talk about her research to decrease the infant mortality rates in Africa. Her presentation was a great example of how important, practical, and life-changing biomedical engineering can be. At the conference, I was also able to attend networking events and visit with different graduate schools, including Virginia Tech and the University of Houston, as well as attend a women's luncheon on increasing diversity in our field. On the last day, I had my poster presentation through which I got to practice my oral presentation and professional communicate skills. The conference was a great professional development opportunity, very educational and informative, and an all-around fun experience to see the large community of biomedical engineers come together and be a part of the ongoing research in our field.