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Appreciation for Conference Funding

In March 10-11 of 2023, I participated in the Undergraduate ACTC Conference in Worcester, Massachusetts in order to present a paper about 1984 in regard to the topic of the conference which was, “What’s so liberating about education, anyway?” To attend this conference, the Shackouls Honors College was so gracious to give me a financial gift to help me go to this conference. This conference has helped me so much in understanding how to discuss philosophy and how different people have different perspectives on the same idea due to different life experiences. In the conference, each participant is on a panel, and they present their paper with two other participants. After they present their papers, there is about an hour-long discussion of what the papers are about, extrapolating ideas in the paper, presenting different perspectives on the issue, and asking questions to the writer. My mind has been expanded in regard to how I perceive other’s opinions through these round table discussions after the presentations of the paper. In addition to this great discussion, I got to network with amazing people from all across the world. Some people were from countries across Europe and many states across the United States. I have attended this conference two years in a row, and it has been transformative. I am so grateful for this time, and I am so fortunate that the Shackouls Honors College gave me the chance to have this opportunity through their financial gift.