



SAC Conference Summary

For groups attending, a group summary is preferred.

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Names of Attendee(s): Kathleen Patterson, Megan Lange, Daniela Temple (student)

Conference Title: 12th Annual Honors Research Symposium

Conference Date(s): 5/4/2019

Conference Sponsoring Organization: Honors Transfer Council of California; UCI

1. Summary – What can you share with the SAC community about this conference. Provide your takeaways and the impact they will have on student success/equity.

This was the first time a student has been accepted to the Bay Area Honors Research Symposium, and it was exciting to go see what that was all about. Unlike the HTCC, the one held at UCI each year, this was far more selective in its acceptances, so the quality of presentations was very high. Panels were moderated by faculty, and they were put together with care. The panels had some material that I will be sharing with colleagues regarding topics like experiments on plant mutations for natural sunscreen that perhaps we could work into an honors project for contracts in the Bio classes. Also, there were some exciting Psych/Soc/Ethnic Studies-related projects that offered personal-public kinds of relationships that might be fruitful areas to discuss for future topics as well. I know that I will ask my partner in the Anthro 100H to incorporate a discussion of epigenetics as we look into cultures. Daniela Temple, the student, took away a sense of renewed confidence and through her practice sessions in front of various student groups like Alpha Gamma Sigma and several other classes, informed them about this historical event and also showed them how non-threatening a presentation process can be. I will be having her share her process before other groups. She says that she felt very proud of herself for having done it and "feels like she can do anything, now." I think that this is important for other students, especially Chicanx and returning students like her, to hear. Even honors students are intimidated to present at conferences, but knowing that someone like Daniela could and did and had a positive experience with great feedback from the audience and other panel members will go a long way toward encouraging others to take part. These kinds of resume- and skills-building events have consequences such as scholarship and application competitiveness for students.

2. How will you share what you learned in this conference? Check one or more boxes below.

- Debrief with department and/or committee.
- Provide Professional Development workshops.
- Lead a community of practice.
- Provide other post-conference debriefing.

Other, please specify: other: have Daniela speak before Honors students at HTP meeting and awards ceremony perhaps but definitely at a meeting