

16th Annual HTCC Student Research Conference

Addendum to Part III: SAC CONFERENCE SUMMARY

Name of Attendees:

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In order to adequately sum up the benefits of attending the HTCC conference, students should be the voices reporting: Here are three representative voices from the conference, one “veteran” and two new to the experience. The benefits to the students range from the actual experience of being in front of large groups and presenting professionally either a panel or their own research, to being on a transfer campus and hearing from faculty, honors program representatives, administrators and former HTCC honors students who have already transferred. In addition, as we know, feeling part of a community yields stronger sense of commitment to persist. One young woman, Gladys Romero, was moderator both last year and this, and she is looking forward to her transfer to UCI in the fall, a decision made in part because of her experiences at the HTCC conference and SSTI last year.

Katsumi Yamaguchi-Pedroza, presenter, transferring student accepted to UCI and UCLA, winner of HTCC scholarship:

Attending the Honors Transfer Council of California Conference was an important experience to me as a student, researcher, and presenter. I attended the HTCC Conference in 2015 as a moderator, so I was inspired to submit a proposal the following year. With the guidance of my mentor, I submitted my research about the consumption of animal products. In other words, how animal products affect humans, society, and the environment.

I am very fortunate that I was able to give this presentation because this is an issue that I am very passionate about, yet do not have many opportunities to share this information with others. I am glad that I could share this information with a group of people and hopefully inspire them to be more conscious of the food they eat. Giving this presentation was also an opportunity to practice my public speaking skills, which could always use improvement and feedback.

By attending the HTCC Conference, I won a scholarship for my involvement in the Honors Program. This scholarship meant a lot to me because my peers, professors, and family were proud of me and it recognized my efforts and achievements as an honors student.

Attending the HTCC Conference also gave me the opportunity to meet with other honors students and see what type of research they were doing. I attended presentations about 3D printing, an almost-extinct species in Southern California, and society's views on the man purse. All of these presentations were very interesting and insightful. The poster presentations were also fascinating, especially one about giving guppy fish antidepressant medications.

Overall, I am very fortunate I was given the opportunity to present at and attend the HTCC Conference at UCI. I will be involved in the Honors Program when I transfer and present future research at conferences.

Amber Jimenez, moderator, continuing student:

Participating in the HTCC Conference as a moderator has proven invaluable to me as a supportive adjunct. I helped presenters stay within the constraints of their allotted time. As a moderator, I had the privilege of introducing the presenters to the audience and encouraging an upbeat and positive atmosphere.

The experience at the HTCC Conference served to enrich my academic experience, because the scholars' oral and poster presentations were interesting and informative. I learned that conducting research is essential to every student's academic success. The opportunity provided me with an introduction to unfamiliar topics. The research conducted by students provided those in the audience with insight on subjects that are of great social importance. My personal favorite was the ADHD presentation. At the research conference, I learned how important scientific research is towards furthering our understanding of the world we live in.

My favorite portion of the conference was listening to the touching speeches that the guest speakers prepared sharing the obstacles and academic achievements they have encountered in their academic career. Professor Rosenberg's speech, which briefly introduced the Honors Program at UCI, gave me the impression that the professors working in the Honors Program are motivated to provide their students with attention and moral support for the reassurance of their students' success. Lastly, being around professors and other college students, and listening to what they had to share provided a good academic experience for me. It also taught me how to be a more effective researcher, and a better presenter in front of large audiences.

Danny Menjivar, presenter as part of a group, continuing student

I wanted to take time to say thank you! I honestly was mind-blown by the event today at UCI. It was an unforgettable experience, and I appreciate you for pushing us towards the right direction. Attending this conference relit the fire in my education! I am more determined now to follow my dreams! I am very proud of what we did today! It was just such an amazing experience!