



## SAC Conference Summary

*For groups attending, a group summary is preferred.*

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Names of Attendee(s): Patty Oertel

Conference Title: American Society for Microbiology Conference for Undergraduate Educators (ASMCUE)

Conference Date(s): 8/1/19 - 8/4/19

Conference Sponsoring Organization: American Society for Microbiology

### 1. Summary – What can you share with the SAC community about this conference. Provide your

This is a microbiology conference geared specifically for undergraduate educators such as myself. This conference allows educators to learn the latest microbiological teaching and lab techniques to effectively introduce complicated biological topics to our diverse student population. Participants engage in formal and informal small group discussions between colleagues all focused on the same goal: to improve teaching and learning in the biological sciences. Techniques learned involved specific active learning skills to be implemented in the classroom setting. Activities and teaching lessons specific to the laboratory are also a big component of the conference as are current topics in industry.

In an effort to provide our students with the most up to date and current applications, thus making them more competitive when applying for various jobs and/ or transferring, it is important that we as educators remain current in our field of expertise.

I am grateful for this opportunity and look forward to incorporating and sharing these new ideas to our microbiology students, faculty, and staff.

### 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: Implement what I have learned directly in the classroom.