

The XXX conference is one I am absolutely looking forward to. This past summer, I had the opportunity to present my research in two different settings through the XXX program. This school year, I decided to take on another research project with my faculty mentor. I have never presented my research through an association and this project allows me to do that. With XXX being my major, I am even more excited to attend this specific conference. My research project is particularly important for members of the XXX community, especially those in my local area. Presenting my research at a conference close to home, especially in the South, will feel like I am really representing my community and gaining greater advocacy for it. I want to share my research results with as many people as I can and doing so will greatly help so many people including victims in silence, victims unaware of the help they can receive, or those who have overcome their struggles as well.

I expect to benefit from the event greatly. Not only will I be gaining presentation experience, but I will also have the opportunity to network with other students with similar research interests as well as networking with professionals who can further help me with my research. I can build life-long relationships with both peers and professionals. I can also receive feedback from different points of view to improve my presentation skills. Over time, I can become more comfortable, confident, and present in front of more people.

In the future, I plan to attend graduate school and enroll in a PhD program. In the United States, applying to a PhD program is extremely competitive, especially when applying with only a bachelor's degree. My goal is to get accepted into a Ph.D. program upon completion of my undergraduate education. However, to be considered, I know I must stand out from the rest of the candidates. I have been told that XXX PhD programs are heavily research-focused. I would love to be able to become a XXX in the future and I can only do that by obtaining my PhD. Getting more experience in presenting my research will greatly help my chances of admission. My research interests pertain to XXX. In the future, I would love to be able to give back to my local community, especially the XXX population. By having the ability to conduct research and present at conferences, I will be working towards my goal of becoming a professional who will hopefully make my future patients feel comfortable and make a difference in their lives.