

Travel Report

**Building Technology Educator's Society 2017 Conference
Des Moines, IA**

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Being able to attend the Building Technology Educator's Society 2017 Conference enhanced my educational career to another level. During the conference, I was exposed to many facets of the built world, and how they interact with the natural world. I was able to attend many presentations, lectures, and architectural tours during the conference which introduced me to many new topics and projects that I had no knowledge of before. The environment also allowed me to make fantastic connections with practitioners throughout the world, and they have been a valuable assets since in being personal mentors.

The opportunity gave me the chance to present my work and research in front of these distinguished individuals. Being the only student at the conference was intimidating at first, but after I finished presenting it was fantastic to hear the comments and criticism they had for me. These critiques and applauds were and are extremely valuable as they will help further enhance my research as I continue on with it in the future.

I want to thank the Shackoul's Honors college for helping fund my travels and research, and being so supportive throughout the process. This opportunity only provided great things and I cannot wait to see where it takes myself and the research in the future.