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## SBEC Hurp Travel Report

March 6-8<sup>th</sup> I was able to attend the Southern Biomedical Engineering Conference in New Orleans, LA to present the research I have been working on during my DIS under Dr. Simpson. I really enjoyed taking part in this conference. As it was a conference for Southern Biomedical Engineers, a lot of our fellow SEC schools were represented and presented their research. It was really neat to see the research that our nearby schools with similar programs are completing. A few other faculty members and students from the ABE department at Mississippi State were also attending the conference, so I enjoyed getting to listen and cheer them on.

I had my poster presentation on the night of March 6<sup>th</sup>. I had a lot of people come up to talk to me about my project and research. Many people had thought provoking questions and comments based on their own experiences in the lab doing similar research. It was an awesome learning experience for me. It taught me to think more critically about my own research as well take part in a conference atmosphere of one researcher helping another. I think that is one thing this is really awesome about these conferences – we all get to share what we have learned and done to help each other grow in our endeavors.

I also enjoyed listening to the talks that were given. One speaker was actually a medical doctor who was doing research on the side concerning some problems he had observed in the medical field. Another lady gave a workshop on using animal models in studies. I had recently learned about animal models in my bioproperties of materials class, so it was neat to learn about it in class and then hear how that compared to the most recent research being done.

I am really thankful to have gotten to attend SBEC, especially as the trip occurred right before all the lockdowns. It was a really fun and educational way to quick-off spring break and now quarantine.