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In the spring of 2023, I was able to attend the annual convention of the Society for Personality Assessment and present two research projects. I was able to present my first-authored poster titled *Maladaptive attachment styles and BPD: Investigating differential relations to childhood risk factors*. This poster comes from my Senior Honors Thesis and was a wonderful opportunity for me to gain more practice and confidence presenting my findings from this project. This presentation helped me become more confident in talking about advanced statistical methods and will no doubt benefit me as I prepare to defend my Senior Honors Thesis. Additionally, I was the second author on a talk titled *Investigating the transdiagnostic potential of rumination in relation to Cluster B personality disorder symptoms*. I would like to present a first-authored talk at a future convention so attending this presentation and taking notes was of great benefit to me. Attending this conference was an incredible opportunity for me to meet fellow students and professionals in my area of interest and practice disseminating my research findings. Furthermore, I was able to connect with students and faculty from the university I will be attending next year for my Clinical Psychology doctoral program. The opportunity to meet with these individuals and attend their presentations was invaluable to my future studies and career. I thoroughly enjoyed learning about many different research projects in the field of personality being conducted across the country. I am extremely grateful for the Shackouls Honors College supporting my research and making this trip possible.