

KEYS has been an extremely memorable experience this year and I don't think I'll ever forget it. Although I learned a lot of things in KEYS this summer academia and research-wise, I think the biggest takeaways for me were the ones related to interpersonal skills in science. The biggest takeaway for me is that science is collaborative and I learned that being able to present my research with others and communicating my research is part of the scientific process. I learned the scientists and researchers are part of a supportive community through which they conduct their research with others by their side and helping out throughout the entire process. Part of being a researcher or scientist is being able to communicate with others and work with others constantly because that's how new discoveries are made: built upon the discoveries of others while working with others.

KEYS this year was a great experience, and I'm super thankful for the quick turn around to a data science-oriented program. I felt like, for the most part, KEYS was a complete experience in the research and collaboration aspects. The only things I feel like I truly missed out on is the person to person experience. This is a super important aspect of a wet-lab experience that I hope to have next year.

I would love to rejoin KEYS next year and am fully planning on it. Only 1 thing is stopping this from happening. It's the possibility of not being in-state at the time. I could move out of state during summer for college. Other than that I think I would most definitely want to participate in KEYS again.