## **Problem 1: Matrix Multiplication**

The following is the output from running both versions of matrix multiplication on the HPC. Where p1 is the unoptimized implementation using global memory only and p2 is the block matrix multiplication using shared memory.

From the results above, we can see that the runtime of the two implementations of matrix multiplication is:

Unoptimized version (p1): 14351860 ns Optimized version (p2): 7419125 ns

Through using shared memory and block matrix multiplication, the runtime of p2 is almost 2 times faster than p1. By utilizing the shared memory in the kernel, there are less fetches to global memory that have higher access time than shared memory, thus reducing the memory access time and the overall kernel runtime.