

I can't believe that this internship is over. For the past 8 weeks, I have looked forward to Mondays, Tuesdays, and Thursdays because I had the opportunity to code in R, collaborate with peers, hear inspirational speakers, and be filled with excitement about geology+paleobiology. This has been truly rewarding. Thank you so much.

I absolutely loved our trip to the farm. It was so cool to hear about all of the locally grown produce and how the Educational Farm is making farm to table feasible. I have always been interested in hearing where my food comes from, so it was nice to know that information for our delicious pizzas. I hope to come volunteer there soon on Saturday mornings to harvest/help out in any way I can.

Towards the latter part of our internship, the biodiversity team focused more on writing our research paper. We struggled to make graphs uniform by debating color scheme (only a 3 hr debate!), margin sizes, and fonts. Noel helped us write methods, results, discussions, figure captions, and references. I learned a new style of writing. In school, we are instructed to write in flowery, vivid language so that the reader can imagine themselves in the scene. In contrast, scientific writing is very direct and its main goal is to get the point across as concisely as possible. That transition was challenging in the beginning, but I was able to make my writing more succinct in the end!



In terms of the final presentations, I am glad I had the chance to share my summer research with the entire SEYI group and hear about various other projects. The lab tours gave me a sense of what people were working on (ie: we saw the fingers from the crude oil interaction in Emma's lab), but the presentation allowed them to expand more on their research.

I am certain that I will keep in touch with many interns (Saket and I share a birthday so annual messages at the minimum), and I am lucky to have formed new relationships with peers from different schools. Thank you for this wonderful experience! :)