# Correspondence with Dr. Michael Thelen

These are my letters to and from Dr. Michael Thelen.

10/19/97

Dear Dr. Thelen,

My name is Vanessa Smith. I go to Amador Valley HS and am enrolled in Mr. Thiel's AP Biology class. I was given your e-mail address by a fellow classmate, Jason Smith, who has informed me that you are working on the Human Genome Project. I am interested in doing a research project on chromosome 19. My goal is to locate a gene on the chromosome and map a portion of it. I realize this is a large project. Our school has a PCR machine and gel-electropheresis equipment. I am interested in obtaining a sample of chromosome 19, and since our school doesn't have access to the agarose gel, buffers, and other necessary chemicals, I am looking for those, also. I would appreciate any input that you can contribute. Thank you very much for your time and consideration.

Sincerely,

Vanessa Smith

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10/22/97

Mail\*Link(r) SMTP RE>Human Genome Project

Dear Vanessa,

I think the person for you to contact about Human Genome projects is Linda

Ashworth. I am sending your message on to Linda and

hopefully she will get back to you soon. If not let me know and we can

discuss it.

You can also call me anytime at my office for a chat.

Thanks for writing, and I hope this works out for you.

- Michael Thelen

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Dr. Michael Thelen

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10/27/97

Dear Dr. Thelen,

Thank you for taking the time to forward my letter to Linda Ashworth. I have received an Email from her and will be talking to her soon. I appreciate all that you have done for me. Thank you very much.

Sincerely,

Vanessa Smith

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10/28/97

Mail\*Link(r) SMTP RE>>Human Genome Project

Dear Vanessa,

When you talk with Linda Ashworth about a project please keep in mind that I

can still be of help and there may be opportunities beyond what Linda is able

to offer you. If you come in to the Lab I would like to meet you and discuss

things further.

Michael

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2/16/98

Dear Dr. Thelen,

I wrote you several months ago about working on a PCR project. You asked me to let you know if I ever visited the Lab, and on Thurs., Feb. 19th, I'm going on a field trip to tour the Lab for GATE. I would be happy to meet you if your time allows for it. Thanks for your time.

Sincerely,

Vanessa Smith

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2/17/98

Dear Vanessa,

I would be happy to spend some time with you when you visit here on

Thursday. Just let me know when you are around -- if you can give me about

a half hour notice the chances of getting me are better; also, you can

leave me a voice message. You

may need to coordinate your visiting time with your field trip people.

I look forward to seeing you.

- Michael Thelen

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2/18/98

Dear Dr. Thelen,

I talked to my field trip advisor, and he said that the only time I would be able to meet with you is when we arrive at the visitors center at 1:15 pm. If this is convenient for you, then I would like to meet you. If not, then maybe we can meet another time. Thank you for your time and consideration.

Sincerely,

Vanessa Smith

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2/19/98

Vanessa,

Instead of meeting at the visitors center, it would better if we could

meet when you have some individual time for discussion and are over here in

the Biology Division. Your field trip today will probably be a general

introduction to the Laboratory and include a look at the Laser Division.

Why don't we try and arrange a meeting sometime in the coming week or so?

I spoke with Linda Ashworth who coordinates some of the tours for the

Human Genome Center and she also has a student who is interested in

visiting. If we could have the two of you out together it would be great.

Let me know if you want to do this and I will have Linda arrange it, ok?

- Michael

Dr. Michael Thelen

Molecular and Structural Biology Division

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2/19/98

Dear Dr. Thelen,

I am very interested in coming to the Human Genome Center and talking to you and Ms. Ashworth. I will arrange my schedule around whatever you plan. I really appreciate this, thank you very much.

Sincerely,

Vanessa Smith

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2/25/98

Dear Vanessa and Debby,

Both of you have written to Linda Ashworth regarding a visit to the Lab to

discuss possible projects. We would like you to come out together if

possible and spend 2 - 3 hours with different people here.

Debby said that Thursday and Friday afternoons were particularly good, so

how about this Friday (2/27) or next Thurs (3/5). Perhaps the two of you

could discuss which day is best and how to get here, then get back to me.

If you want, call me and if I am not in my office please leave

me a message.

We will need to arrange Lab passes for you so we need to know the following

at least one day ahead: your full names, social security numbers, and when

you plan to come out.

I look forward to meeting you both.

- Michael

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3/1/98

Dear Dr. Thelen,

Thank you very much for having me visit the Lab. I appreciate the time you took to show me around. Now I'm even more excited and interested in molecular biology and genetics. I took your advice and emailed the administrator for the KERRY program. Thanks again for your time.

Sincerely,

Vanessa Smith

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3/2/98

Dear Dr. Thelen,

Thank you for your interest in me. I was so excited to hear from you. I received a response from the administrator today and am forwarding it to you as you requested. Thank you so much.

Sincerely,

Vanessa Smith

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3/9/98

Dear Dr. Thelen,

Thank you very much for the information regarding the summer programs at the Lab. I have applied to the RIE program, and I have a faculty sponsor as well. His name is Eric Thiel, and he is my AP Biology teacher at Amador. I am also trying to get in contact with the KERRY and the Summer Employment program. I am very excited about this. Thank you once again.

Sincerely,

Vanessa Smith

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3/23/98

Dear Dr. Thelen,

Thank you very much for the opportunity to work as your summer intern(hopefully!!). You inquired about my schedule for next school year, and I have an appointment with my counselor tomorrow. I'll let you know how things turn out(there shouldn't be any problems). Thanks again, I'm really excited about this!

Sincerely,

Vanessa

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3/25/98

Dear Dr. Thelen,

Thank you! Thank you! Thank you! When do I start? =) I got my letter of conformation from Mr. Farnsworth today. I am soooo excited. I went out to sushi to celebrate. I really don't know what to say, I'm so incredibly happy and excited. Thanx again!

Sincerely,

your new intern(after I fill out all of these papers),

Vanessa

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3/30/98

Dear Dr. Thelen,

One of the forms I got asks for my starting and ending dates for my internship. I get out of school on June 12, so I can start June 15, but I would like to know what date would be most convenient for you so that I can finish the papers and mail them in. I really appreciate this opportunity, thanks once again.

Sincerely,

Vanessa

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[Ashworth](http://docs.google.com/ASHW1.HTM)

[Cwalina](http://docs.google.com/DBBY.HTM)

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