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What was the purpose of this experience?

I came here thinking this was going to be all about leadership in a conference setting, and it was far more than that. To me this was about gaining a fresh new outlook on life. To appreciate everything and everyone that I encounter. It was to learn how to lead with principle. When you do things with value and passion behind them, the best work will naturally come out. I was put in my place and given the spirit to push ahead.

What happened to me during this experience?

I've let my past hold me back in a lot of areas in my life, and it's prevented me from being the best person I can possibly be. I've learned to let go of my fears. I'd rather ~~regret~~ look back on a decision and learn from it than not do anything. I became good friends with most of the people on this trip. I learned to just relax and not be so uptight and reserved around people.

What happened to us during this experience?

We all became friends. We all learned from each other and saw the way we saw issues and ideals. Although it got a little tense at times, everything worked out. We learned to work as a team. We gained a new perspective on life.

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How did I connect to and/or impact the Tuscaloosa Community during this experience?

Although our work didn't appear to do any significant impact on the rebuilding process, it was progress. Without volunteers like us, rebuilding would take forever; I ever finish.

What am I looking forward to upon my return to my campus/my community?

Sharing all of this information I learned. Appreciating my brothers and the things I have.

As a result of this experience, what do I want to do differently in my life?

Help people out more often.