

Guest speaker quiz

I want to start by thanking you for this wonderful experience, and this opportunity to learn from experienced scientists. This series has taught me a lot about working in science and the skill sets that can help you succeed. I am very lucky to have had the opportunity to hear about research that is currently being done and what opportunities are available after undergraduate school. I learned that science isn't as scary as I had previously imagined because it is about collaborations. Collaborating allows us to have diversity in opinions and knowledge that can improve science and decrease biases within research. I really appreciate learning about a community before trying to implement conservation tactics from Dr. Goodwin. She really stressed being sensitive to the community and the importance of being ethical. I think it is important to understand that reporting science can impact not only animals but also peoples cultures that rely on certain ecosystems. I would love to take this information and make sure that I am always informed on the impacts my work can have on the people that interact with these systems.

Dr. Hennessey told us that it is important to be creative in our science. I think this is very important because science is all about continuing others' work, and in a competitive environment having new ideas is always a benefit. I think this has been a benefit when thinking of creative new ways to not kill my feather duster worms. My directed studies group has been creative with thinking of new experimental designs that allow for the least amount of casualties. I also appreciated Dr. Goodwin and Dr. Callwood, informing us on the importance of networking and communication in science. It was nice to learn that science isn't typically done by oneself and I should not be afraid to reach out to others.

From the guest lectures I have learned to be more open minded about science. It is important to be creative and have multiple skill sets to be employable and successful in this discipline. I will take this information and continue my education in Rstudio and github, so that I am not just able to do field work but also statistical analysis. My future as of today is uncertain, and I think it is very valuable to know that networking and connecting with others can help me find future career paths.