

2006 Festival of Scholars Follow Up

Keisha Williams

Age: 22

Major/Minor: Biology/Chemistry

Classification: Alumni

Hometown: Kankakee, IL

Research Title

Analysis of Orleans and surrounding parishes' municipal water for possible contamination; Identification of bacteria able to convert sugar alcohols into commercial sugars

Oral Project

Advisor: Dr. Syed Muniruzzaman

The Center for Undergraduate Research (CUR): What made you become a participant in the FOS?

Keisha Williams (KW): It was a requirement of the scholarship program I was in, and it was a chance to get experience with presenting.

CUR: Did your topic have any relation to your future career interest?

KW: Yes

CUR: How has your participation in the FOS helped or hindered you and/or your future career goals?

KW: It has given me more experience with speaking on the research that I am doing. It has also helped me see what conferences are like and how to prepare for them.

CUR: What recommendations could you offer to rising students based on your experience with the FOS?

KW: Don't be afraid to present. This is a good opportunity to have people you know who are supporting you give you positive feedback about what you are doing right and what you need to improve on.

CUR: Would you participate in the FOS of scholars again?

KW: Yes