

What did you like best about the symposium:

- *The hands-on symposiums the most, especially the MIT systems introduction and the Novartis lab. They show a realistic simulation of how the ideas work, or what the professions would look like.*
- *Getting the perspective of people working in the field I was interested in for the future. This helped me contemplate how I would like to proceed with my career.*
- *The tour we were given at Novartis. I originally signed up for the symposium to further explore and learn about the biotechnology field so I was very excited to tour such an amazing facility. Although I did sign up for the biotech aspect, I was also very pleasantly surprised with the activities on civil engineering because I now know a lot more about that field.*
- *I loved talking to the scientists at Lab Central and asking them about their careers and their journeys because it really helped me to understand that there are so many unique paths to becoming a scientist, and it is okay to not know exactly what you want to do, because you will figure out your passions with time and experience.*
- *When we got to talk to professionals in their field and learn something cool about it. Hand-on experiences are the best learning tools for me so this experience was magical to me.*
- *The exploration of both theoretical knowledge in engineering with USACE but then seeing theory applied to tangible action/projects, such as the muddy river tour.*
- *The Bio technology stuff a lot because it's something I was very interested in but haven't had the chance to learn about very much.*
- *I was able to see all the different types of engineers there are.*
- *It was VERY helpful in helping me think about what I want to do in the future because lots of people working in the STEM field were able to talk about how they reached their careers and what schooling they went through to achieve that point.*

Share a new idea you learned connecting school to your STEM career:

- *It is important to keep your mind open to different career paths because there are so many opportunities in every field.*
- *Engineering can span over a large range of fields; it isn't one specific job.*
- *I definitely like more hands on activities rather than theoretical sciences*
- *Not only did it help with looking at future careers but it was great to hear about some regrets or other choices people would have made.*
- *This experience was extremely helpful in learning more about STEM careers. It gave me insights on various STEM careers. I got to hear what people who were actually working in those fields did and how their job looked like.*
- *I learned many new things that I can major in from civil engineering to bio-pharma.*

Feedback from students who attended the Biotech & Engineering Symposium April 2022

- *This experience was very helpful in exploring STEM careers. I wasn't sure if I wanted to pursue a career in stem, but this symposium certainly opened up my eyes to the possibilities in the industry.*
- *There were so many talks about all the opportunities in the future of STEM and how to access those opportunities.*
- *A specialization in one STEM field does not limit the possibility of switching to another field because they're very similar.*
- *Learned how you don't have to be a perfect high school student to get into a good college.*
- *Continue to try hard in school so that I can reach my goals. There are so many types of engineers.*
- *I want to be a civil engineer,*
- *I want to work for the Army Corps of Engineers.*
- *I want to work at Novartis.*
- *I want to work at Lab Central.*