Attending the 2019 AMP annual meeting and expo was a truly rewarding experience. As a technologist it is not always guaranteed that an employer will be able to provide funds to attend. Programs such as the technologist travel award are extremely valuable to provide others like myself who otherwise would not have been able to attend the conference. From the very first opening speech, by Dr Russell Higuchi, it was fascinating to see how much his research has shaped and help advance the field of molecular diagnostics. It was also intriguing how he hinted that maybe his research helped inspire Jurassic Park. I was also fortunate enough to present my research at the poster session and platform presentations. During the poster session it was great to have attendees with diverse backgrounds visit my poster and ask questions. The questions and feedback provided was a valuable learning experience that will not only help with future research but also help me grow professionally. Not only did I get to meet people during poster sessions, but there were also technologist specific networking opportunities. There were additional networking sessions geared towards new members and first time attendees as well. The diversity of the program schedule made it easy to find sessions that pertained to my future career interests. Overall, being able to attending the 2019 conference via the technologist travel grant was a great experience. I was able to learn so much and also leave with so many inspiring ideas. After attending my first conference, I wish to continue to be involved with AMP in the future.

Thank you

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