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Global Health & Innovation Conference

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Attending the Global Health & Innovation Conference proved to be an invaluable experience for me. I was privileged with attending sessions presented by very influential and experienced members of the field of International Development. The session on "Surgery and Global Health" had a profound impact on my future educational and career plans. It strengthened my resolve to become an orthopedic surgeon and helped me to decipher the topic on which I will focus my International Development Studies Minor's research and final capstone project. I plan to center my studies on expanding sustainable surgical care to the developing world. I am currently participating in a dialogue with Dr. Selwyn Rogers of the Harvard Medical School, one of the three presenters at this particular session, to obtain a better understanding of his experiences and research on expanding surgical care to South East Asia. I hope our communication will lead me to develop a better idea of how I can continue to learn more and gain more experience in this field.

Attending this conference also exposed me to new ideas about sustainable solutions to global health care problems and poverty. I had the opportunity to attend lectures on both specific initiatives and broad movements to alleviate issues experienced by people in the developing world. These talks ranged across various disciplines including business, science, and sociology. I was able to interact with students from other universities and discuss their future plans and how they are currently involved in international development.

Ultimately, I feel this conference helped me to see how I can synergize what I will learn in the courses I will take as a Science Business and Peace Studies double major and international development studies minor into serving the global community.