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Graduation Year: Sophomore

College: Engineering

Major(s): Civil Engineering

Minors(s): none

Scholar Group Membership: no

Did you received other funding for this project?: no

Could you have completed this project without CUSE funding? No

More details on CUSE funding assistance? In July, the NDSEED team made a decision regarding the conference: all traveling team members would attend the Bridge Builder Conference, but non-traveling team members would only attend the Bridge Builder Conference if they received funding for it. As I am one of the non-traveling team members, my attendance at the conference relied solely on assistance from CUSE.

Project Title: 2015 Bridge Builder Conference

Project Location: Estes Park, Colorado

ND Faculty Mentor: Dr. Kijewski-Correa

Project Type: Conference - Attendance

Why did you undertake this project/experience? Deepen your knowledge of a topic or issue

Did your funded experience help you:

[Deepen your understanding of your coursework or field of study]: Very Much

[Discern your interests and post-bac goals]: Yes

[Become confident in your ability to set and achieve your goals]: Very Much

[Gain a more nuanced view of local, national, or global communities]: Very Much

[Improve your written and verbal communications skills]:Yes

Tell us about your experience.

The conference was hosted by Bridges to Prosperity. It consisted of four days of speakers, break-out sessions, discussion panels, and work shops. I learned a lot about all the steps necessary to complete an international bridge project. I also learned many skills that will help me when I travel with the NDSEED team in the future.

Describe the impact this project had, both on you as a student-scholar and on the people you worked with.

I came to appreciate the impact that a bridge can have on a community. I was always excited to be involved in Notre Dame Students Empowering through Engineering Development, but now I have a greater understanding of how exactly we are helping the community in Nicaragua. It gave me so much more motivation for our project.

