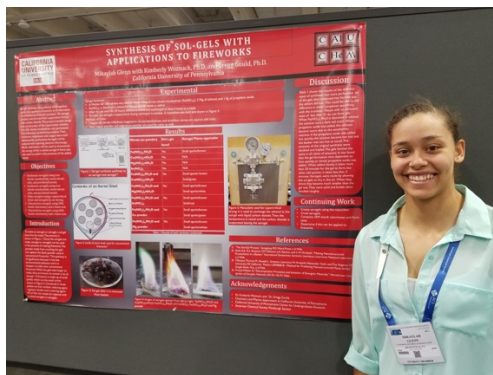


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The 2017 American Chemical Society National meeting in San Francisco is an experience that I will never forget. I not only got to spend time with very intelligent people, but I got to meet students my own age and discuss our similar interests. I was impressed by the size of the event, not only the large Moscone Center, but the amount of people that I saw. It was great to spend time with people who have similar interests.

There were many different events to choose from and so little time to do everything that I wanted to do. I was able to attend the Undergraduate Awards Ceremony where California University of Pennsylvania was recognized. We received Honorable Mention for our chemistry club. While there, I was able to see the pride students had about their school. The students that stuck out to me were the ones from Puerto Rico. They were being loud, playing music and just enjoying their time. It was fun to watch. After the ceremony, I attended the after party. There was great music, food, and people to get to know. It was a great start to my week.

The following day was my undergraduate poster presentation. I was very impressed by the amount of people that presented. Not only that, but the Moscone Center provided plenty of room to accommodate everyone. At my presentation, quite a few people were interested in my poster and asked thought provoking and interesting questions. Later on that evening, I presented at Sci-Mix. This session allowed anyone from students to professionals to present posters. Anyone and everyone could come to it and it was late at night, so many people were able to attend. At this session I was asked more in depth questions that I hadn't thought of before. My research has been improved based on suggestions from both poster sessions. I also attended the exposition and got lots of free goodies.



Me at the Undergraduate Research Poster Session.

I was also able to attend a Luncheon sponsored by the Women's Chemist Committee. They honored Barbara J. Finlayson-Pitts for her research on Atmospheric Aerosols. I sat at a table with many board members and I learned a lot from them.

On my last day in San Francisco, I got to explore the city. I walked to the Fisherman's Warf and saw a wonderful view of the bay bridge. I went to the shops to buy souvenir and also got a free ice cream cone from Ben & Jerry's.

For my first ACS National Meeting, it was amazing. I hope to attend more meetings in the future. This made me excited about chemistry and my future in chemistry. I cannot wait to attend more meetings in the future.

