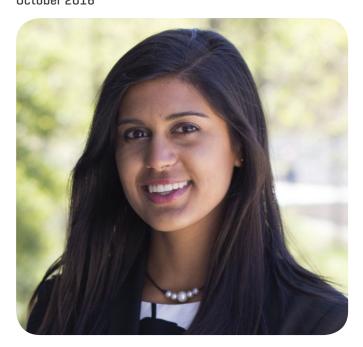
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### **WORDS OF ADUICE**

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#### BEST THINGS ABOUT THE PROGRAM

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JSHS not only gave me an opportunity to share my research with others, but more importantly, this science conference gave me the opportunity to meet interesting students who were disrupting STEM with their science experiments. Most of my learning at this conference was experiential learning from my peers.

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#### AS A RESULT OF THE PROGRAM

Participating and attending JSHS opened my horizons to the plethora of research conducted by high school students, just like me. Just by attending, my earlier cynicism that high school students can't really change problems we see in the world today, especially those related to science and technology, was dispelled. JSHS showed me that yes, even though these students haven't taken graduate level math and science classes, their curiosity, creativity, and passion is enough to see a science project through and to hopefully develop or find a breakthrough that could change the scientific world.

# HOW PARTICIPATING IN AEOP INSPIRED YOU TO ADVANCE IN STEM

Through JSHS, I was exposed to new technology in the STEM field through the talks given on entrepreneurship and innovation. By participating in AEOP, I learned how research and entrepreneurship can overlap, which is now something I'd like to do in a future career.

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