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Gains in the Education of Mathematics and Science [GEMS]

I am a sophomore at the University of Maryland, College Park. I am currently majoring in Biology, and I am also taking CMSC courses on the side. I am thinking about majoring in Biology with a minor in Computer Science.

WHAT IS YOUR PASSION OR HOBBY OUTSIDE OF STEM?

Outside of STEM, I really enjoy playing instruments. Currently, I am learning to play the guitar. I also love to write in my free time.

WHAT WERE SOME OF THE BEST THINGS ABOUT THE PROGRAM YOU PARTICIPATED IN?

I really liked how we could do hands-on work. Even though it was a virtual program, it was very interactive. I really enjoyed being able to listen to other people's ideas and also share my thoughts out there without feeling I was wrong or I would be judged. I appreciated the feedback I received because it helped me improve my work.

WHO IS YOUR FAVORITE STEM ROLE MODEL? WHY?

Katherine Johnson, because like her, I also want to do something that everyone remembers and be able to help the world by discovering things.

WHAT ARE YOUR FUTURE HOPES AND DREAMS?

In the future, I hope to be successful in helping people in need. I plan to do this through a career in the medical field.

IF YOU COULD MEET ONE PERSON LIVING OR DEAD, WHO WOULD YOU CHOOSE? WHY?

I would love to meet Harriet Tubman because I really look up to her and admire her courage; she helped many slaves escape through the underground railroad.