

2006 Festival of Scholars Follow Up Questionnaire

Symielle Gaston

Age: 20

Major/Minor: Psychology/ Business Administration

Classification: Senior

Hometown: Atlanta

Research Title

Verbal Overshadowing and Stereotypes

Poster Presentation

Advisor: Dr. Elliott Hammer

The Center for Undergraduate Research (CUR): What made you become a participant in the FOS?

Symielle Gaston (SG): Since I was in the MARC program doing a research project, I was advised to participate.

(CUR): Did your topic have any relation to your future career interest?

SG: Yes, because I am interested in psychology and applying that knowledge to minorities.

(CUR): How has your participation in the FOS helped or hindered you and/or your future career goals?

SG: It helped me so that I can include another poster presentation on my CV. Then I will have evidence of my research and presentation experience, making me look like a better candidate for graduate school.

(CUR): What recommendations could you offer to rising students based on your experience with the FOS?

SG: Start your project early so you won't have to rush and you'll be prepared for the questions people will ask. Also, you should be able to explain your research in a way that people not familiar with your field can understand.

(CUR): Would you participate in the FOS of scholars again?

SG: Yes