

Convo was a really unique experience. I had no idea what it was really going to be like as this was my first conference. It turned out to be a really good experience.

I attended many workshops throughout the days we were there and felt I received valuable knowledge which can transfer over into my classroom that I am in right now. One such workshop was about group projects. I learned this really cool introduction activity where the teacher creates a giant puzzle which a picture of something they are learning that day, and the students have to put it together. I am going to be doing this with my first grade class when they learn about leaders in their community. Another really great workshop I attended was one about job interviews. I learned what to bring, what to say, what not to say, and what I could ask. I feel this was really beneficial as I will be interviewing for jobs next semester! A third session I found to be really helpful was related to my concentration – math. During the session, we learned how to incorporate a medieval theme into our math lesson and integrate every subject into that lesson as well.

In addition to the great workshops, I felt the majority of the general sessions were very motivating on the professional level. On the first night, the presenter was such a powerful motivator and really made me think about the reasons I want to be a teacher, and made me realize that yes, I am in the right major. The speaker on the last night, the teacher of the year, had good thoughts to share with us about ways one person can impact the life of a student. Plus, the food they served us that night was delicious!

I also felt the bond between the members of Kappa Delta Pi grow. Most of us knew each other, but just from the meetings or a class. We learned a lot about each other, and I feel I will now be able to go to these people with any need and they will be there for me no matter what the situation.

I really enjoyed the conference and feel I have grown as a pre-service teacher. My only regret is there are no more of these types of conferences to go to while here at Southeast.