ProCSI 2010 – Feedback

Curtis, Seton High School- junior

For the students that attend ProCSI next year or thinking about applying for ProCSI, I would like to share my experience with you. ProCSI is a great program for engineering. It is so much you will learn and do with ProCSI. You will see how there are so many different things you can do with engineering and can excel to so many different levels. Engineering is full of many different surprises that you will not even think of. A lot of the things that I learned were surprises because I didn’t realize how engineering is so effective to everyday life. As well as learning about engineering, you will experience college life and how there are so many different responsibilities. On campus I was able to see that there will not always be supervision and you are basically on your own. Even though college can seem hard, it can also be fun at the same time. There will be a lot of activities for you to do. Everyday there will always be something new so you will never know what to expect. You will see how much responsibilities you have when you attend ProCSI. Another thing that ProCSI did for me was influence me to work even harder now because everyday counts. Right now I am a junior in high school and I want to go so far, but I can only go as far as my work ethic takes me; therefore I must take the extra mile to step up and do more than needed. That’s what ProCSI has done for me.

Ruth

I, Ruth (an upcoming Junior) from ProCSI 2010, would like to thank you for this program. I had a lot of fun and met a lot of great people who are also interested in engineering. Surely the next generation of ProCSI students will enjoy it.

To the future ProCSI members: Although waking up early has never been much fun, the activities we did, lectures we attended, and people we met kept us awake and happy. It is sometimes strenuous to be so busy, but our schedule was filled with both lectures and fun things that it was okay. We lost a lot of sleep, but it was mostly our fault.

Colt: Junior at Memorial High School Madison

I would recommend ProCSI to any student who is interested in any kind of engineering, would like to learn more about college life, and enjoys having fun with people with other people who have a common interest in the career of engineering. When I first heard of ProCSI I was not fully sure if engineering was the right thing for me or the specific kind of engineering I wanted to do. But because of ProCSI I learned a lot about all kinds of engineering, heard many lectures about these types of engineering, and even learned which kind of engineering is right for (mechanical engineering). Not only did I learn from ProCSI but I also had fun living a college lifestyle involving living in a dorm with a roommate, enjoying of campus activities, and being given the responsibility of being on your own for most of your time in ProCSI.

Joshua, Rising Senior, Chicago, IL
To the future applicants for the ProCSI program of 2011,
ProCSI is one of the best programs you can participate in if you plan on becoming an engineer. The things I learned during this week is unforgettable. We covered alot of engineering fields and we really had fun learning about the different disciplines of engineering we could study about. Not only did we learn alot about engineering, but we had fun too. We went bowling, to the movies, played sports, and we spent alot of time together just hanging out and joking around. My two favorite parts of the actual learning experience were two hands-on demonstrations that we got to do. We got to design a product in 3D and we got to simulate the effects of gravity on a computer. We also played two games designed by the students of UW and they were fun as well. At nights we all got to chill and hang out with each other and get to know each other better and helped me make new friends that I hope will be with me till the end. On top of all the fun we had, we were provided with 3 delicious meals a day and most of them were not the regular dorm food and we received this free of charge. I would most definitely suggest this program to anyone who is slightly interested in engineering because it was one of the best experiences of my life.

Nathaniel

ProCSI of 2010 was a fascinating experience for me. I as a rising junior would like to encourage those who are considering ProCSI 2011 to come to the program. If you have an interest in engineering and you don't quite know what kind of engineer you would like to be I highly suggest that you apply for this program. ProCSI has given me a small glimpse into what college life is going to be like and a better understanding of the broad field of engineering. I enjoyed having to be with other people that I had never met before around my age, just as intelligent as me, and of a different cultural background than I. The instructors of this program are really cool and will keep you busy with fun and educational activities if you decide to come. The program will have you work a little and sit through many lectures that you may find to be boring, but nevertheless I believe that ProCSI was a great experience as well as a good investment in my time and highly recommend that you to consider becoming a part of the ProCSI 2011 group.

Loua (rising Senior)

ProCSI is a "must go to" program for rising engineers or those who are considering the field of engineering. This program allows prospective students to learn more about the several engineering fields there are. One thing that I learned during the program was that just about any kind of engineering can accomplish a goal that I have set out for. Engineering covers many aspects and can be used for several different projects. The ProCSI program allowed me to learn more about engineering and help guide me into which field I want to be a part of. Aside from the visions, I have met several wonderful people that includes fellow students, counselors, and teachers. I have also learned more about the college life and how the college life demands a lot of time management and commitment from the students.
Bradley (Junior)
For the students of next year, I would like to let you know that ProCSI is a wonderful program. You will have a lot of fun with all the activities and such that will be available to you. Not only will you have fun, but you will learn a lot of key things that will help you in your future at college. You will learn that college life is hard, but it has to be in order to get you ready for life. You will be fed extremely well here too. Also this program will help you realize whether or not engineering is right for you. So have fun here at ProCSI, because I know I did.

Tanya, Milwaukee, WI; Senior
ProCSI has been a great experience for me. During this trip, I have had the opportunity to realize that engineering is something that I truly want to pursue in the future. All of the different activities that are prepared for the students in the program are great ways to learn of the different types of engineering there are. Having great counselors, an endless fun-filled schedule, and being surrounded by great people during the course of the program makes ProCSI an amazing experience. The lectures in the program are prepared for the students to have the opportunity to learn more about engineering, but apart from the lectures, trips like tours of the capital, the movies, or even just bowling make the program extremely fun and worthwhile. While I wish that it would have lasted a bit longer, I am very satisfied with the things that I was able to gain the program, like friends, support, and people, like the counselors, who I can rely on for any help that I may need in the future. I’m really glad that I had the opportunity to participate in this program and wish that the next students who have the opportunity to be part of this have fun and enjoy their time in Madison as future college students, and take advantage of the wonderful opportunity that has been given to them.

Rod
Well I would like to say that its fun, and at times it will get a little boring but in the end it will help you in life and it gets you ahead and ready for college. I wasn't really into engineering at first because I'm not good at math, but there are other engineering majors that don’t deal with a lot of math, and that really had me think about majoring in engineering. I like how some of the workshops had us working with machines and making stuff I had no idea had to do with engineering. It’s cool to know how to make stuff on the computer and it was fun because I like using computers and I’m around one almost all the time. Even if you don’t think engineering is for you, you should still come to the program, and learn more about engineering, and just to see how it would be in college.

Sourinthone, Milwaukee, WI, Junior
For the next generation of ProCSI students or for people who are thinking about applying to ProCSI I would like to say that if you do decide to apply for ProCSI, you will not regret your decision. ProCSI will help you decide on whether a career in Engineering will be right for you or not. When I came to ProCSI, I thought I knew I wanted to be an engineer. As this one week went by with all the lectures and
presentation about different fields of Engineering and what they do, it made me rethink if a career in engineering was right for me. This program was just all about Engineering. It was about meeting new people and making new friends. ProCSI also helped me experienced college life living in a dorm, which was fun, but the beds were sure hard. ProCSI also gave tours around the camp, such as the UW-Madison Stadium and the capitol building, which was amazing. This program was just 24 hours of fun everyday that you are here. If you're not sure if Engineering is right for you or what is even Engineering, this program helps you understand what it really is. So if you decide to apply to ProCSI, you will not regret your decision.

Salvador, Los Angeles, CA, Rising Senior
What I want to tell the next generation of ProCSI students or people who think about applying for ProCSI 2011. Is that it is a great experience that you should take advantage of. It would be a waste if you don’t even apply to this program. For example I took advantage of this program, I flew all the way from Los Angeles, CA for this program. This is a program that really encourages you to have a deep thought about college and to see how your future is going to come out. It has open my eye to engineering and it is the main reason why I am going to pursue my degree in Engineering. Thank you ProCSI 2010 for opening my eye to something great I will always be grateful for the many things that I learn and experience from this program.

James
"If I could tell the next generation of ProCSI students anything I would describe for them how the program works. I would prepare them for a large amount of walking and a rigorous schedule. I would also tell them that the program is amazingly fun and has plenty of free time activities including tours and famous eateries. I would remind them to make friends as soon as possible because the week will go by fairly quickly. The only thing that you may regret is if you do not bring extra blankets or pillows as the dorm bedrooms are not the best in the world. Be prepared for a variety of lectures and labs that’ll give you a really good feeling of what it’s like to be an engineer in that field. Most of all just take it all in one day at a time and remember it when the time comes that you actually do need to choose a major and a career in this world."

Yeeshua (Yoshi)
What I, Yeeshua (yoshi) want to tell future ProCSI generations. First and foremost, I highly recommend that you apply to ESP and if you do not get in, then apply to ProCSI. Even though it is only one week, it is intensely built around the objective of getting you more knowledge in the field of engineering. ProCSI will also help you in deciding what career of engineering you would like to major/minor in or if you would like be in an engineering career. Not only does ProCSI help with your choices of the future, it also gives you a feel of the college campus life and that helps a great deal. The time given to you for your own personal recreation helps you build responsibility, social skills, and also helps
with your own enjoyment. ProCSI has a friendly and safe environment that you can feel secure about.
Lastly, the counselors and people you meet will be some that you never forget. They will be there for you if you need assistance and also will be there for advice. ProCSI will be something you will never regret and forget.