

COSMOS UC Davis Alumni Survey

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Survey Questions

Question: What year did you attend COSMOS at UC Davis?

Question: What are you doing now?

For current college students:

Question: Where are you attending school? What is your current major?

For current graduate students:

Question: Where are you doing your graduate work? What is your current field of study? Where did you do your undergraduate work? What was your undergraduate major?

For individuals currently working:

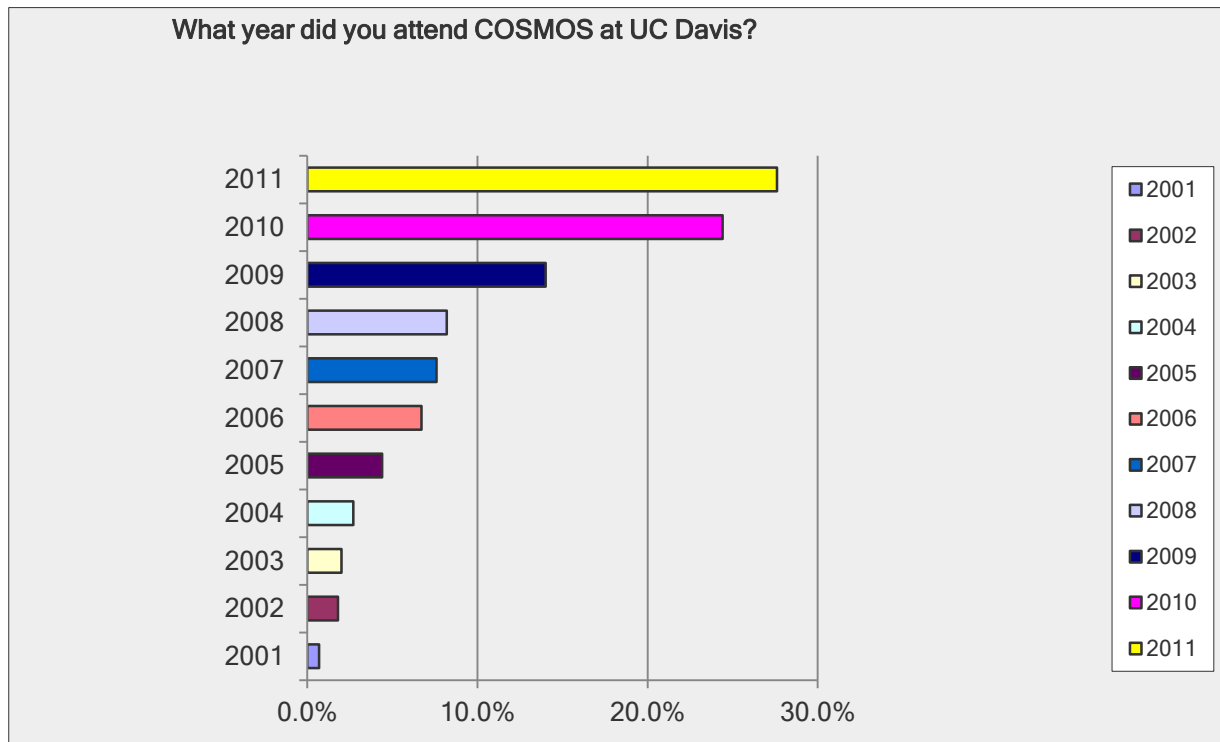
Question: What is your position? If you went to college/graduate school, what schools did you attend? What was your undergraduate major and/or graduate level field of study?

Question: Any additional comments about the UC Davis COSMOS program?

Results

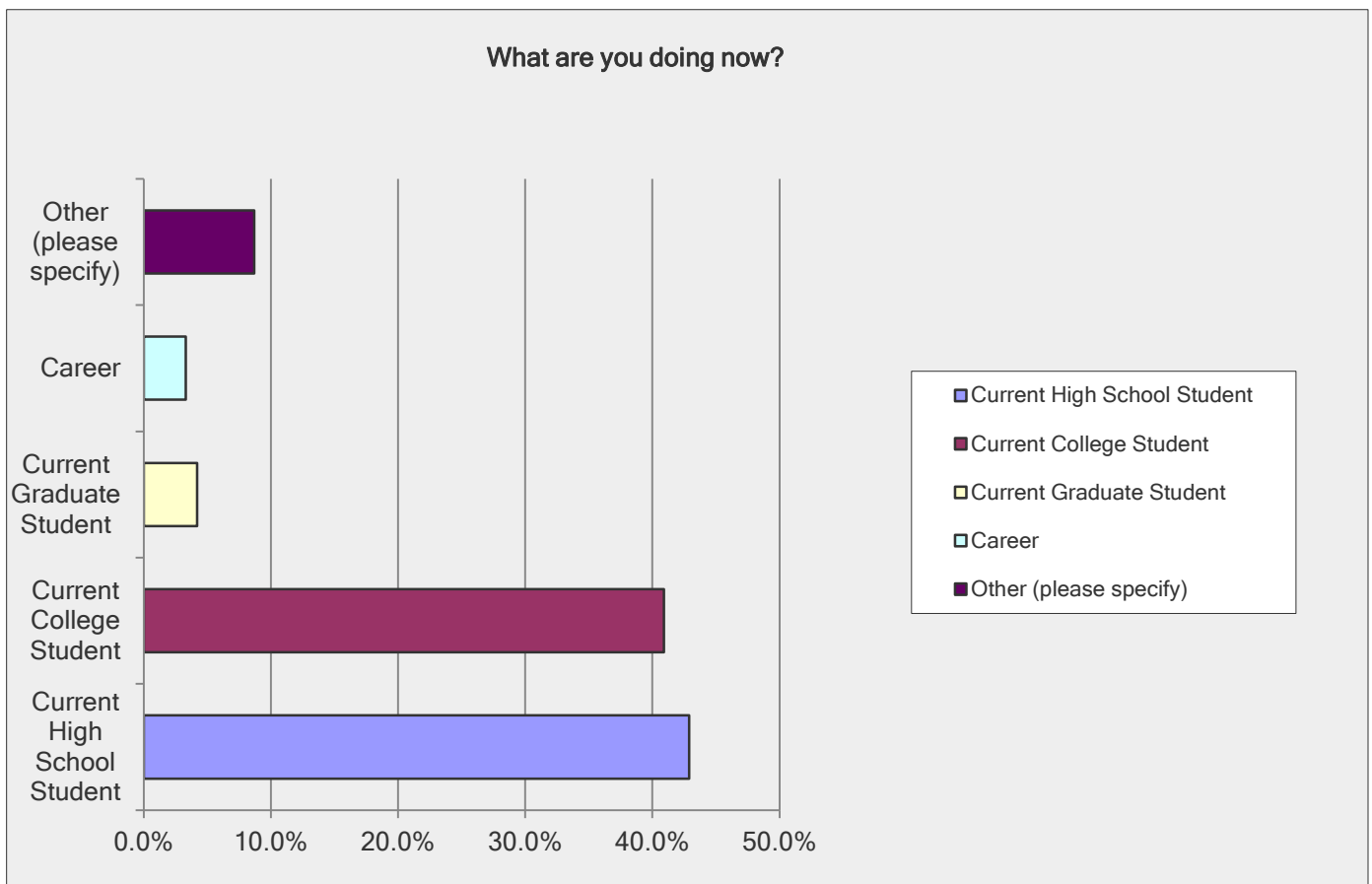
Question: What year did you attend COSMOS at UC Davis?

Answer Options	Response Percent	Response Count
2001	0.7%	3
2002	1.8%	8
2003	2.0%	9
2004	2.7%	12
2005	4.4%	20
2006	6.7%	30
2007	7.6%	34
2008	8.2%	37
2009	14.0%	63
2010	24.4%	110
2011	27.6%	124



Question: What are you doing now?

Answer Options	Response Percent	Response Count
Current High School Student	42.9%	193
Current College Student	40.9%	184
Current Graduate Student	4.2%	19
Career	3.3%	15
Other (please specify)	8.7%	39



Question: Where are you attending school? What is your current major?

183 Responses
Harvard College. Applied Math
Yale University; Geology and Geophysics
Bowdoin College, Major: Math and Computer Science
UC Berkeley: EECS (Electrical Engineering and Computer Science)
UC Berkeley, Computer Science
UC Berkeley, Computer Science
Cornell - soon to be Materials Science and Engineering major
Northwestern University-Mechanical Engineering
MIT
not sure - thinking about Chemical-Biological Engineering
Stanford University, 2015
Computer Science
International College of Cosmetology
Princeton, math
Washington University in St. Louis. Computer Science
Arizona State University: Computer Information Systems in the W. P. Carey School of Business
UC Davis; Economics
UC Berkeley, Public Health
UC Davis, Computer Engineering
UCLA - Sociology/Asian American Studies
UCSD, I'm a CSE and ICAM double major
U.C. Berkeley
Electrical Engineering and Computer Science
Harvard College; Chemical and Physical Biology
UC Davis--Biological Sciences
University of Southern California
Biomedical Engineering
UC Davis, Genetics
Caltech (Computer Science, 2012)
University of California, San Diego
Cognitive Science, International Studies, Global Health
I am attending the California State University Northridge and majoring in Mechanical Engineering
I am attending school at University of California, Davis. I am currently majoring in Civil Engineering.
UC Berkeley, Electrical Engineering and Computer Science
Cornell University, majoring in Economics
UC Davis, Animal Science
Wesleyan University
Probably math or chemistry
Caltech, undeclared.
University of California, Berkeley

Microbial Biology
Pomona College. Computer Science.
UC Davis. Mechanical Engineering
UC Berkeley, Environmental Sciences
University of Vermont, Rubenstein School of Natural Resources
Natural Resource Ecology major, Chemistry minor
UC Berkeley, Mechanical Engineering
University of California Berkeley
Major: Physics
Minor: Energy and Resources
UC Davis, Environmental Policy Analysis and Planning
UC Davis. Physics Major
I'm studying abroad at Oxford, but my home institution is Brown University. I am majoring in neuroscience.
hertz-ressler high school
and my major interest is biology/women studies
Stanford
Computer Science
Intended B.S. in Bioengineering at the University of California, Berkeley.
School: UC Berkeley
Major: Molecular and Cell Biology–Neurobiology
Dickinson College
Double major in International Studies and Economics
Santa Clara University- Economics
UCSD studying bioengineering
UC Davis
Civil Engineering
UC San Diego, Molecular Biology major
Cornell University class of 2013
Chemical engineering major, minors in business and in engineering management
UC Berkeley, Mechanical Engineering
UCLA Electrical Engineering
Harvard University, Computer Science
Pomona College, geochemistry
University of Pennsylvania. Environmental Science
University of Cincinnati
B.S. Industrial Design
UCLA, Environmental Science (minors in Environmental Engineering and Conservation Biology)
Caltech, Chemical Engineering
UC Davis, Electrical Engineering
SJSU - Biology

Harvard College; likely Molecular & Cellular Biology or Human Developmental Regenerative Biology
I'm an undergraduate at Harvey Mudd College. I am undecided, but considering Engineering or Physics.
Duke University; Undecided
UC San Diego, Neuroscience and Physiology
University of Merced, California/ Human Biology
Massachusetts Institute of Technology
UCSD, Environmental Engineering
Intended Integrative Biology at UC Berkeley
University of California Davis, biological sciences
UC Davis, Biochemistry & Molecular Biology
UCD-Biological Sciences
Uc davis- animal science
University of California, Davis
Chemical Engineering
UC Davis- Genetics
Skyline Community College
Business Administration Major with specialization in accounting
I am currently attending UC Davis and a Mechanical Engineering Major. Thank you so much COSMOS!!!!!!!
I am at UC Santa Cruz as an Astrophysics major!
Carnegie Mellon University. Majoring in International Relations, double major in Environmental Policy.
Columbia University, NY
Stanford University. Undecided, but considering bioengineering
SouthCoast College, Paralegal (LAW) future Law Student
UC Berkeley; Integrative Biology; I am a 5th year and graduating this December
California Polytechnic State University, San Luis Obispo
Animal Science
U.C. Davis <Biological Sciences>
San Diego State, Majoring in Chemistry
I'm at Pepperdine University majoring in Biology.
I'm attending Hartnell College and I have a triple major in Math, Chemistry and Physics.
Stanford University; English/Economics
Cornell University, B.S. Civil Engineering
Princeton University, Computer Science
Massachusetts Institute of Technology, Course 3: Material Science and Engineering
University of California Los Angeles
Business Economics
UCSD, Computer Science with a specialization in Bioinformatics
UC Davis, Animal Biology
I'm attending California State University, Fresno. Majoring in Electrical Engineering.
UC Davis, Civil Engineering
Stanford. Computer Science (biocomputation)
UC Berkeley. Intended Public Health major

University of California, Berkeley
Molecular and Cell Biology
Princeton, Physcs/Computers
Cal Poly Pomona, Mechanical engineering
UC Berkeley - Double Major in Statistics and Applied Mathematics (Economics)
UC Berkeley, Molecular & Cell Biology-Immunology (Infectious Diseases)
I attend College of the Desert and my major is physics and psychology.
UC Berkeley - Cognitive Science
Swarthmore College: Political Science/Film and Media Studies
Cornell University; Human Biology, Health and Society Major
UC Davis - Engineering Computer Science
Yale University, Computer Science and Economics
University of Pennsylvania
Computational biology
University of California, Berkeley
Chemical Biology
Occidental College in LA and I'm majoring in Chemistry
UC Berk! Civil engineering
UC Irvine. Political Science
Stanford University, Undecided but considering Human Biology, Sociology, and History
MCB at UC Berkeley
cal poly, electrical engineering
UC Davis
Mechanical Engineering
Cal State Bakersfield. undeclared
School: University of California, Berkeley
Major: Molecular and Cell Biology
University of Illinois at Urbana Champaign. Chemistry
UCLA - Neuroscience Major
Grand Canyon University in Phoenix. I am a Exercise Science with an emphasis in Pre-Physical therapy major.
Princeton University, Chemical Engineering
Stanford University. I'm a premed student majoring in History and Law.
University of California, Berkeley
Chemical Engineering
Stanford, undecided major.
UC Berkeley, Mathematics
UCLA mechanical engineering
UC Berkeley, bio engineering
UC Riverside - Biological Sciences
UCLA - Electrical Engineering
University of California, Berkeley. Intended major: Molecular & Cell Biology.
California Institute of Technology, Physics and Pre-med
Stanford; physics
University of Chicago; International Studies and Political Science double major

University of Chicago. Undecided, but pre-med track.
Johns Hopkins University - Mechanical Engineering (Biomechanics Concentration)
UCLA - Chemical Engineering
Pomona College. International Relations
UC Berkeley, majoring in Electrical Engineering and Computer Science
UC Berkeley, Engineering Physics
University Of The Pacific, Mechanical Engineering
University of California San Diego, Physiology and Neuroscience
UCLA - Neuroscience
Harvey Mudd College, undecided.
California Institute of Technology - Applied Physics
UCSB Electrical Engineering
Swartmore, double major of computer science and studio art
University of California, Berkeley, Civil Engineering
UCLA Chicano/A studies with a minor in Urban Planning ... I am applying to Master programs in Planning
Cal Poly State University
Electrical Engineering
Brown University, Bioengineering
UCLA, Microbiology, Immunology, and Molecular Genetics (MIMG)
UCLA in mechanical engineering
UCLA MCDB
Cal Poly San Luis Obispo
Major: Crop Science
Ucla- physiological science
UC Berkeley
Molecular and Cell Biology (emphasis on neuroscience)
UC Berkeley
Chemical Engineering
MIT - EECS and Mathematics
Williams College. Math major.
UCLA-Biochemistry
UC Berkeley, Bioengineering
UCLA - Engineering Undeclared
UC Davis Electrical Engineering
Stanford University, thinking of studying biology
University of Southern California
Biomedical Engineering
UC Berkeley
Intended Astrophysics and Music major
UC Davis -- where my COSMOS was held. I am working on a biotechnology major.
UC Berkeley, bioengineering
Princeton, Chemical Engineering
Brown University - biology major
Molecular Biology major at Princeton University

UC Davis, Nutrition Science
UC Berkeley. BA Molecular Cell Biology: Biochemistry and BA Psychology.
Duke University class of 2015, Biomedical Engineer
UCSD, Bioengineering: Biotechnology
Oregon State University, B.S. Mechanical Engineering, Nuclear Engineering Minor
Harvard University. Major in Social & Cognitive Neuroscience in Psychology with a minor in Woman, Gender, & Sexuality Studies.

Question: Where are you doing your graduate work? What is your current field of study? Where did you do your undergraduate work? What was your undergraduate major?

18 Responses
Graduate: Electrical Engineering at Stanford
Undergraduate: Electrical Engineering at Stanford
UC San Diego: NanoEngineering
Masters Degree, University of Illinois Urbana Champaign: Mechanical Engineering
undergrad, UC San Diego: Mechanical Engineering
Undergraduate Work - UC Berkeley (Major: Bioengineering)
Graduate Work - M.S. Bioengineering with an emphasis on Translational Medicine - Joint program between UC Berkeley and UCSF
Graduate: UC Berkeley, Mechanical Engineering with emphasis in controls
Undergraduate: UC Berkeley, Mechanical Engineering
I'm in Berkeley for graduate school, getting a MA in Theology. I did my undergraduate work at UCSD, where I got a BA in Religious Studies.
UCSD for undergraduate and graduate
Computer Engineering
Johns Hopkins School of Medicine (graduate school - PhD program in Biochemistry, Cell, and Molecular Biology)
Johns Hopkins University (undergraduate, Chemical and Biomolecular Engineering)
University of Texas Medical Branch, Experimental Pathology. Whitman College, Biochemistry Biophysics and Molecular Biology.
I'm currently in a PharmD program and attending California Northstate University. I did my undergraduate work at Humboldt State University and received a degree in Mathematics.
Undergraduate - Caltech, double major in physics and economics
PhD - Stanford GSB, economics
Graduate work in Education. Went to UC Davis for undergraduate, majored in Human Development and minored in Education.
Masters in Environmental Engineering at University of California Irvine (concentrating in Water Quality)
B.S. from UC Berkeley in Civil & Environmental Engineering
I am currently doing my graduate work at UC San Francisco in Biophysics.
I went to UC Berkeley for a BS in Chemical Biology.
I am pursuing a PhD in Immunology at Stanford. I majored in microbiology at UCSD.

New York University - Pursuing my Masters in Mathematics
My undergrad was UC Davis, where I studied Applied Math and Economics (double major)
CSUF, Civil Engineering (M.S); UC Davis, Civil Engineering (B.S)
I am attending community college to finish prerequisites for pharmacy school.
Current Phd student in Computer Science at NYU
Masters in Computational Mathematics from Stanford
BA from Columbia in Econ, Math and Physics

Question: What is your position? If you went to college/graduate school, what schools did you attend? What was your undergraduate major and/or graduate level field of study?

14 Responses
Microsoft Xbox Hardware Design Engineer
School Attended: MIT, received a bachelor's degree in Electrical Engineering
Audit Associate
UC Berkeley
Business Administration
Currently working as an engineer at a membrane consulting firm in Carlsbad, CA. I received a BS in Mechanical Engineering from UCSD.
I am a Site Director for Kid Central in Elk Grove. I have a B.A. in Communication at UC Davis.
College: Cal Poly Pomona
Major: Finance, Real Estate & Law
Assistant Store Manager. UC Davis 2010, Electrical Engineering and Economics
Library Page/ Nutrition Partner
San Francisco State University - Nutrition (undergrad & gard)
I graduated from UCI in June 2011 with a degree in Economics and a minor in Management. I currently work at the ULAR department at UCI as an Operations Analyst.
I graduated from UC Berkeley with a Bachelor of Arts in Mathematics and Computer Science in May, 2010. I currently work at Yelp as a Software Engineer, and have been here for about a year.
Currently a Lab Tech. Went to UCSD and graduated with Human Biology major.
B.S. Microbiology, Immunology and Molecular Genetics at UCLA; Research Assistant at Genentech
Penn, Major in Biology and Finance
I am currently a software engineer developing video slot machines. I graduated with a BS in Software Engineering from Oregon Institute of Technology in 2008
Now: Software Engineer, Google
College: Computer Science BA, Harvard

Question: Any additional comments about the UC Davis COSMOS program?

327 Responses
Loved it.
Was a great experience! Would highly recommend it to other High School Students.
It was one of the best summer programs i have ever attended.
I thought COSMOS was going to be extremely strict on academics and we would barely have anytime to have a fun. I was wrong, not only did I learn a lot about chemistry, I had lots of fun at the same time.
COSMOS' academic enrichment and residence program were amazing experiences.
I loved the UC Davis COSMOS program. It wasn't actually that academic, but it let me have an interest in the field. In fact, it inspired me to choose bioengineering as my major, because I want to learn more about how individual molecules compose a living organism, and how technology can be used to improve the condition of some people. Of course, other than igniting an interest in the field, COSMOS did not actually require a lot of work, and there was no actual research done. It was just little (cool) labs that are reminiscent of high school labs. I had a lot of fun there though. I actually got a pretty good sleeping schedule because I didn't bring a laptop, and would pretty much play ping pong from after dinner, which was around 5, to 8 or so. I highly recommend this program to incoming freshmen and sophmores, since it allows then to get an interest in math and science more. For juniors and seniors, it may help to develop an interest, but by that time it will not be as helpful as it would be earlier on. Also, it is not as rigorous in coursework, so I believe that incoming freshmen and sophomores can handle it.
It was a great experience, and I learned a tremendous amount about not only mathematics, but also what it was like to live in a college atmosphere.
It was great! Prior to the program, I wasn't sure whether I should major in math, but after COSMOS, I was decided to pursue math. The professors were inspiring and helpful, and the program had a large impact on me in terms of my interest field and future career plans.
IT WAS AMAZING> it helped me choose what major I wanted to pursue. and an awesome experience.
It was fun, education, and in general a great learning experience. Being able to go there are meet people who have the same interests as you is amazing especially if what you're interested in is math since most students wouldn't really be interested in it. We also studied into higher level math courses such as topology and combinatorics, which allow us students to broaden our view on mathematics--to see how much more there is to learn about math. Being able to struggle over difficult topics, laugh at the same inside jokes, and spend time on a college campus is an eye-opener. Those moments at COSMOS were dear to me. Even though I didn't have the courage to express myself completely at this program, I still believe that in general, it's a wonderful program so please keep it.
It was a great experience for me. I was able to learn about more elaborate concepts of math not available at any particular school in my local area. I learned a lot from the qualified professors we had. Overall the college experience was very enticing.
The COSMOS program is an amazing program and a significant influence on my life. I learned more than just the excellent knowledge I gained from my class. I had the best opportunity and experience I have ever encountered and I will profit from my experience at COSMOS as will many other students similar to me in the future.
Through this camp, I was able to meet many intelligent people and learn about something outside the scope of high school education. COSMOS was definitely one of the most fun and rewarding summer experiences I ever had.
One of the experiences of my high school career.
It was memorable.

It was a great program!
IT'S AWWWWESOME!~
IT WAS A GREAT EXPERIENCE.
Really enjoyed it -- was my first significant experience with programming! I've worked as a software engineer since then (took a year off from school) and program a lot as a grad student, so it definitely had a long term impact. COSMOS was a great experience to just have fun doing engineering too.
I loved this program and the opportunity it provided me to learn about the earth, its resources, and its dangers. I first really learned about alternative energy and climate change there-- ideas and subjects I continue to pursue, speak about, and try to deal with in my own, albeit rather small, ways.
It helped get me interested in science.
Awesome! I'm still in touch with many of my COSMOS buddies from three years ago!
COSMOS really opened the doors of math and science to me. Having never been to a summer camp before or studied math in such an enriching and supporting environment, I am grateful to have met knowledgeable peers and professors and to have gained an invaluable deeper understanding of and enduring fascination with math. Just a couple of days ago I was reading about Smale's paradox, a (really really cool!) topology concept that I would not have appreciated or understood as well as I did if I hadn't attended COSMOS.
COSMOS was the first real step I took towards becoming an engineer. It was a wonderful summer.
I had the best experience ever
Won Intel COSMOS research grand, Great program.
As a high school student, I wasn't sure if I wanted a career in a STEM field but after my experience at COSMOS I was hooked! Now that I am a few years out of college I see what a valuable experience it was to attend a program like this as a high school junior. It helped me better focus my time in school to discover what I was interested in. Attending COSMOS at UC Davis also greatly influenced my decision to attend UC Davis for my undergraduate degree. I am so thankful that I was able to attend the COSMOS program and I hope it continues to foster interest in the STEM fields.
Intel COSMOS Research Grant Winner and presented project at California Nobel Laureate Dinner .
I had a great experience. It actually helped me in deciding what to study. I was never nervous at all about going away for college because of my positive 4 week "college experience". The RAs were awesome. xxxxxx xxxx.
It was very inspiring to see someone derive from first principles mathematically how lift on a plane was generated, and thrust from a rocket. The field trips were also really fun and educational.
The ability to spend time with students from other clusters really allowed me to decide on a career path, as I discovered that I enjoyed spending time with the robotics and other engineering related clusters more than the biology students. But of course, I learned a lot of biology that helped me get through high school biology easily!
it was amazing for me. I hope it's at least as good if not better than it was when I went through it.
I absolutely loved the program. Dr. LeFebvre was awesome and an incredible mentor/role model!
COSMOS was a great experience for me, and I'm happy to see that the program is still going strong.
Great opportunity for a high school student to get a peak at university science programs.
It was wonderful! That's why I'm here now!
Absolutely loved it and wish I could do it again!

Attending COSMOS at UC Davis was one of the best decisions I've made in my life because it exposed me to a diverse number of experiences ranging from visiting med school surgery centers to putting my hand into a fistulated cow. It was truly a remarkable summer that I found very rewarding and reinforced my desire to pursue a career in health sciences.
COSMOS at UC Davis was the best summer program experience and I hold nothing but precious and beautiful memories. It gave me so much experience and I thank all coordinators, staff, and management for creating an authentic college replica experience because it has done nothing but motivate me as an individual to seek a future! UC Davis is an amazing campus I hope to be apart of!!!!
Best pre-college experience I have ever had, in terms of experiencing college academically and socially.
Perhaps the most fun I've had over summer during high school. I still see some of my old COSMOS friends at UCSD
It was an amazing experience :)
The whole program was great and was by far the best summer program I had ever done
It is a terrific program that fosters student research and collaboration with college teaching staff early on in high school. I would strongly recommend to any high school student interested in math and science.
I'm so glad I finished the program. It was hard but worth it.
It was amazing and now my brother will be applying to go this summer.
It was a fun summer. I may or may not have learned something.
It was really fantastic to be able to go and spend that time away from home learning not only the subject material but also how to interact with new people. Thank you!
It was a great experience I will remember for the rest of my life. Definitely worthwhile, I wish I could go back!
It was a great experience and really opened my eyes to a new adventure. I would not be where I am at now without the UC Davis COSMOS program. Keep up the wonderful work.
The program was a great experience and definitely informed me on what to expect in college.
It was a great experience. I learned a lot of interesting things about math that would not have been available to me in a traditional classroom setting.
COSMOS was an awesome experience that I hope continues to create interest in sciences, specifically at UC Davis!
Two weeks ago I used something I learned at COSMOS four years ago to solve a problem in my physics homework.
No comments. This program was great and definitely helped me decide to pursue a career in the medical sciences!
super awesome.
I had a great time meeting fellow science enthusiasts from around the state and left the program extremely excited for college.
It was a great experience and gave me a preview of what college life would be like. Thank you!!
Great program. Very fun.
Loved the experience.
My life would not be the same if I hadn't attended COSMOS--I loved it and it really helped me decide what I wanted out of college, even if I didn't attend UC Davis or pursue the same field of study during COSMOS.
none
This cluster was a great experience, I was saddened when I noticed that it was not offered this summer for other students. I had recommended it to other friends in high school. I hope that you bring it back.

I loved COSMOS. It's also great when COSMOS comes up in conversation and half the people in honors physics that I'm talking to have attended and loved that program.
I've had four summers after COSMOS, and it's still easily the best summer of my life.
it was the best thing I ever did and met many of the people who I'm still close too.
It was awesome.
The UC Davis COSMOS program was possibly one of the most rewarding educational and research experiences that I have been a part of. It really gave me a lot of valuable information that I still use today and helped me to decide what I wanted to do with my future. It was an eye-opener and an all-around perfect experience.
It was an absolutely wonderful experience!! I'm still in touch with over 20 of the people who participated in the COSMOS program the same summer as I did and it's great to know intelligent successful people in all parts of the country. The program was also very useful for college applications and I currently still talk about it in job interviews.
Would recommend it to everyone! So much fun and a great way to figure out what interests a young student.
It was AWESOME!
A wonderful program. Expensive, but worth every penny.
I had a blast!
one of the best summers ever :)
Pretty fun, although possibly a bit basic. Learning level was appropriate because students had a wide variety of backgrounds.
It was a fantastic experience!
I'm so glad to have attended it! It definitely helped me stay interested in science.
One of the best experiences of my life, I will never forget it! Very well organized and fun, but educational at the same time.
Awesome. Fun. Memory of a lifetime.
it was fun!
It was a great experience! I'm definitely recommending it to my friends!
Having to walk the first few days wasn't fun, but otherwise it was great. A few more washers and dryers would certainly be appreciated as well.
It was plain awesome, one of the best months of my life.
IT WAS AMAZING :D :D :D BEST SUMMER EVER
Cosmos is awesome!
It was AMAZING! Great food, great people, great professors
Cosmos was fun!!!!
This program was absolutely amazing! I'm pulling on info that I learned in my cluster for research with an astrophysics professor here. I'm glad I had the experience.
It was amazing, and I learned so much.
COSMOS was amazing. Not only did I get to learn, but I was able to enjoy the Davis campus and make phenomenal friends. It is most definitely one of my favorite experiences.
Nothing other than it was one of the greatest experiences of my life!
COSMOS was definitely one of my best summer experiences. I actually discovered my academic interest and met so many great friends at the same time. I will encourage other talented students from my neighborhood to apply to COSMOS next year.
One of the best months of my life, full of new knowledge, working with super expensive equipment, fun with roommates, and a preview to college life! :D
It was a lot of fun! Compared to other academic camps I've attended, the rules at COSMOS were more strict.

It was great. I learned many things about science that I wouldn't have at school. I was surrounded by many smart and helpful people.
I enjoyed COSMOS at UCD very much. It was one of my most life changing experiences that I've had out of all the summer programs I've gone to. Though I attended another summer program at UCLA (UCLA Summer Sessions) for this past summer, it was not as interactive and challenging as COSMOS was. The experience that COSMOS gave me will always be instilled in my mind no matter what. Thank you COSMOS!
The COSMOS program is incredible. Not only did I expand my knowledge in an enjoyable way, I made some very great friends who I would never have met otherwise. I am very grateful to have been given such a fantastic opportunity.
Fun!
Awesome, best experience of my high school career.
Great program!
Get better sheets in the dorms though please
I was able to meet new friends from all across the state of California. In addition, I was able to have a hands on experience on what it would be like to become a veterinarian or a doctor, which is the path I would like to take once I enter college.
It was an incredible experience, I left the program feeling more confident in myself.
The UC Davis COSMOS program was amazing! It definitely guided me in my academic path, and I still keep in touch with wonderful friends from COSMOS.
UC Davis COSMOS is AWESOME! I loved working as an RA.
Excellent schedule of both academics and leisure time!
It was great!
Loved it!
Still remember it as being a good and useful time.
Best summer of my life
Most fun I've ever had!
It was hard to decide between all the organized activities, since they were always at the same time.
I really enjoyed COSMOS, it helped me decide on which career to choose. I have decided to do nursing. Thanks to all the teachers, TAs, and other COSMOS staff for their help. I really appreciate what they did for me and my peers.
It is a wonderful program. I learned a lot, made many new friends, and I will never forget it.
I really enjoyed this program, and I hope that it will continue on in order to let other future students get the same experience that I had.
This program was amazing; it gave great memories that would last forever. I wish this program was longer than one month.
Loved it! :D
It was the best summer ever!!!!!! I loved the weekend trips, the freedom, activities during the week, my cluster, the RAs and TAs, Dr. L, and the friends I made.
it was awesome!:(
It was amazing and I learned a lot!! Loved it!
I LOVED COSMOS. :)
It was great :D
best summer of my life
Best summer of my life!!!!!!!!!!!!!!
The best summer I've ever had. Bar None.
It was the greatest month of my life.

It was my favorite summer activity during my high school years. The program is incredible and I have recommended it to everyone I can!
It was awesome
It's a really great bonding experience.
The COSMOS program was an incredible experience! It helped me realize that I would like to pursue astrophysics/astronomy in my future. I met so many wonderful people and learned so many amazing things!
Cosmos gave me the best summer of my life. It provided me with the college environment and made me realize my true potential of learning.
I really loved going there and I had loads of fun! Keep up the awesome work!
It was amazing - the classes were extremely interesting, the professors were brilliant, the social life was fun, and the gym was to die for.
I learned so much. And met so many great people there. In other words it was beyond excellent.
It was an amazing life changing program. I hope many others will too.
This was awesome. I miss it soooo much, it needed 3 extra O's.
It was one of the best times i have ever had. Met many new interesting people, learned plenty and got to experience some college life. Wish I could do it all again because it was great!
I forgot to say I was disappointed and angry on the last day at COSMOS. During the graduation ceremony, the announcer said that the photographer would be able to take a picture of us. However, we were placed in alphabetical order, not from tallest to shortest. As a result, because , of my last name, xxxx, I was placed in the back row, albeit I was the shortest in my cluster, and also the youngest. The back was so squished I fell off the stands, and then the photographer suddenly started to take photos. I could not see him (or her) and was stepping off the stands and reaching my leg into the air as I did so. Then, he (or she) immediately stopped, and it was all over. I do not know where the photo is now (I have never seen it), and I guess it was horrible. My entire face was blocked, and I was reaching out my leg.
I think the photographer should not have been so rushed, and should have placed us by the order of our height. It should have been more calm and organized.
COSMOS was an amazing experience. I really enjoyed the material I learned in my cluster and it has helped me in my classes at school. I became good friends with a lot of people and have stayed in touch with them. My roommates were fantastic and we all had similar interests. We got along really well. COSMOS also helped me narrow down my interests and gave me a better idea of what I want to study in college and do in the future.
Great program! Loved it; it really deepened my interest and passion in science.
The program was great! I understood more about what we were doing in class now and received new insights.
:)
It was an amazing experience that I will never forget! I can't stop talking about my time at Davis!
It is my favorite summer camp that I have ever been to.
The Cosmos program was a great program that allowed me to explore my interests in engineering and be surrounded by many interested and hard-working peers at the same time. I will never forget the great experience.
Best month of my life! Stay awesome COSMOS!
No.
It changed my life. Not only did it help m figure out what I wanted to do in life, but it also changed me personally. I met friends that will be my friends for life and I feel closer to them than I do to people I've known for over three years.
It was definitely one of the best experiences of my life. I got to meet so many people who shared my interests, and I learned so much!

It was wonderful!
It was awesome. It was one of the funnest experiences of my life in how I met so many people and have so much. It was educational yet fun. I would recommend it to many.
Its great
Can't wait to work again next year!
I loved it so much that this past summer (summer 2011) I returned as an RA for cluster 7!
It was fun and the people were very nice. I learned much about biochem and chemistry
It was fun and informative!
It was awesome! I really loved it and still stay in contact with the friends I made there. It made a really big impact on my life and prompted me to declare chemistry as my major in my ongoing college applications. This is a great program and I hope it continues to thrive!
great experience
Thank you so much for helping me choose my major and concentration!
My experience in the COSMOS program definitely influenced my decision in choosing astrophysics as my major. The professors gave me a good idea of the field and set me on the path to learn more about the physics of our universe.
I absolutely loved COSMOS! It was one of the greatest (if not the greatest) summers I have every had. I learned so much in the month I was there. I love the professors and the RAs because they were so helpful. COSMOS has really helped me decide what I would like to major in. I met really cool kids that share the same love of science and math as I do and with whom I will definitely keep in contact. I know it sounds cheesy, but I mean it when I say that will never forget this summer or the people I met.
One of the most eye-opening, encouraging, fun, educational, inspiring months of my life!
Amazing experience!
I loved it and have many fond memories of it!
It was amazing. I've recommended it to a lot of people and I had a great time there.
It was the best summer experience. It has given me a love for biotechnology.
It was a great experience that taught me a lot about growing up & to think about my future career. I realized the Medical Field was a great field but not for me. I would have probably realized that too late if not for this program! But I got to meet very smart people dedicated to their education just as I was during high school. I will never forget this experience in its entirety! :)
The opportunity to learn alongside people with similar interests and aspirations as my own was an experience unlike any other. It was here that I was able to harness my passion for biology and now that I am in the process for applying for college, I have decide to major in biology and minor in biotechnology. I was truly inspired by the program and my professors Paul, Lindsay, and Adam's passion and active interests made the experience enjoyable. COSMOS also taught me to be independent and gave me insight into life as a college student which came along with freedom, responsibility, and fun. Special thanks to our RA Daniel for making every moment at COSMOS exciting and upbeat.
Very good program and very supportive of students' research endeavors.
Honestly, it was the best experience of my life. I made one amazing friend with whom I still keep in contact with. The program will forever give me something to boast about (especially since I had to work so hard to get my robots to work...).
Great program!
I had so many questions about aeronautical engineering and they were answered at COSMOS. The field trip to United Airlines repair facility was great! It was my first time living away from home, and at first I was nervous, but so realized that everyone was just like me - inquisitive! I had a great experience at COSMOS and I would recommend it highly.
It was an amazing experience!!

COSMOS was an excellent summer program and I still remember it fondly.
:)! Overall, it was a great opportunity to gain some valuable information and experience within the field of mechanical engineering before applying to colleges. It was also a great growth opportunity and I am thankful to have had the opportunity to work on gaining some independence and confidence, during a key part of my development.
Coolest program I ever Joined in my lift. I had learned a lot form this program, and get connected with friends and professors.
Doing this program prepared me pretty well for researching in college. Now I do microbiology research with a professor at Pepperdine.
The program helped me when it came to deciding what I wanted to major in.
COSMOS was the best experience of a lifetime! It was truly a great program where I got to meet other extremely passionate and motivated people. Too bad alumni couldn't attend again this year to due the budget cuts!
I absolutely loved the month I was at UC Davis for COSMOS. I met tons of new people which I still remain in contact with. The program also influenced which majors I am applying for to colleges, which are electrical and nuclear engineering, and also for my application to UC Davis.
COSMOS was an amazing month long experience for me. During that month, I made new friends, learned a multitude of new things about the world around me, and made long-lasting relationship with the professors. Although, I was still in my hometown of Davis California, I was able to discover the city and UCD campus into much more depth than I had seen before. COSMOS gave me the opportunity to learn about environmental biology and other sciences in a whole new light compared to the types of sciences taught in a regular school curriculum. I am so glad to have gone to COSMOS and will always be proud to be a part of the 2010 COSMOS alumni.
The program was awesome!
It helped me to understand different complex concepts that I was able to apply into my life.
best 4 weeks of my life!
It was awesome!
IT WAS AMAZING!! Such a priceless experience! Thank you!! Dr. LeFebvre was the best!!!
I think they should provide bikes and laptops for us to borrow for the whole month.
It was a really great experience and I meet a lot of new friends.
Super cool. [:
Was super fun! Yay COSMOS!!
Other than that it is an amazing experience, no.
COSMOS was one of the greatest summer experiences I have ever had. I loved everything about it: the people I met, the things I learned, and all of the memories we formed!!
It was an amazing experience, quite literally one of the highlights of my life.
No
It was awesome and better than the UC Santa Cruz COSMOS program I went to the following year.
Awesome program - inspired me to pursue science and a research career!
It needs better admissions officers
The UC Davis COSMOS program was one of the best summers I ever had!
UC Davis COSMOS was an amazing program. I still keep in touch (granted, sporadically) with people I met there, and my cluster was what first got me interested in what would eventually become my field of study.
This was the best summer of my life! I met many great people and learned many things. I'm writing about this on my college applications!
Great program, excellent research and lecture opportunities

I had a great experience meeting people from all over the Californian state. The professors gave me a lot of insight on what kind of interesting math there existed beyond the typical high school curriculum!
-The best four weeks in my life
-Experience long lasting friendship and college life
I absolutely loved COSMOS. Not only did I meet amazing people who I still keep in close contact with, but I was learning something I actually enjoy and want to pursue in the future as a college major and career.
I loved it. It was the most educational, fun, intriguing, diverse, amazing, and simply the best month of my life.
One of the best and most inspiring summers of my life.
It was an immensely rewarding and eye-opening experience!
You run an excellent program. Thank you for the opportunity of a life time.
IT WAS OUT OF THIS WORLD!
It was awesome.
It was the best experience I've had in highschool. None of the other summer camps could match up to what UC Davis COSMOS did for me. Thank you!!!
I really enjoyed working with the professors and even though it was their first year I felt they did a really good job in covering the broad topic of cyber security as well as making the class fun. Our Teacher fellow was also great, keep David Bayne with the program.
It was the best four weeks of my life.
Awesome!
I had a great time! I learned a lot from my professors, made friends for life, and got a fleeting taste of college life.
Best month of my entire life!!!
Loved it! I learned so much the month I went. I wish I could have known about it sooner.
Not really.
I miss the program !
I loved the COSMOS experience! As the only incoming freshman in Cluster 7 (Biomedical Sciences), I learned a plethora of information (thanks, Dr. L!) about both human and veterinary medicine. The labs and activities were hands-on and exciting; they truly helped me apply and further understand what I learned. I also enjoyed the residential aspect of the program; living by myself for a month at UC Davis was an experience that came to test my sense of responsibility and time management. I definitely would recommend this program to any and all interested in any aspect of math or science!
It was tons of fun!
By far the best summer of my life to date!
This program really sparked passions in me that I never knew existed. I enjoyed every minute of it and learned so much not only from the lessons but from my peers. It helped me see what attending a college would be like and got me interested in the medical field even more.
fun fun fun!
It was a lot of fun, and the field trips my cluster took taught me a lot about the different research possibilities in that field.
It definitely is a hands-on learning experience that is engaging and interesting.
Loved it! Great educational and social experience for the summer after my Freshman year. Not to mention, that food at UC Davis was superb!
The program helped to clarify what path I would follow after high school, in my college career.

It was definitely a great experience! I loved meeting such a new, diverse group of students and the RAs were really fun adults to hang out with. I would do this program again if I got the chance and would highly recommend it to anyone interested in exploring more about math or science of any kind. Prior to this program, I had no idea what Biophysics or Robotics were even all about and by the end, I feel that I gained more knowledge about both topics.
It was awesome.
UC Davis COSMOS helped me strengthen my desire to study medicine and also prepared me for the college lifestyle. I miss it so much and Cluster 7 forever!
COSMOS at UC Davis was one of the best summers I have had. It provided opportunities to further my interest in science and a future career as a physician.
Best Summer of my life.
AWESOME! Keep it up! Program should be longer. Also, perhaps offer internships with professors (i.e. if I'm doing cluster 8 (Chemistry of Life) perhaps help students secure biochemistry internships or another way to further their pursuit of the subject)
COSMOS was a great program! It gave me a much more in-depth experience in field geology than I ever would have gotten otherwise. Attending COSMOS Cluster 4 was on reason I chose to study Environmental Science in university.
One of the best summer programs I ever attended. Full of activities and I learned so much about mech engineering.
I thoroughly enjoyed my experience at COSMOS
It was an amazing learning experience that helped me grow academically as well as become a more outgoing person.
one of the best summer experiences I've ever had!
I LOVED IT! I had the best time of my life and I met the most amazing people. And of course, I learned from the best professor ever, Dr. L.
The program definitely helped me become more interested in the sciences, specifically in applied mathematics.
I loved COSMOS- it was one of the best experiences I have ever had, and one of the most intellectual stimulating programs I have had the privilege of attending.
It was awesome!
it was awwesome
The math classes were fun and interesting!
amazing fun and amazing food! less regulations would be nice though!
nope
This was the best summer I have ever had!! I enjoyed it so much and made friends that will last a lifetime. The professors and RAs were the best. COSMOS had definitely influenced me as far as the career path I want to choose.
fun program
It was so much fun!!! A summer I will not forget :)
It has been a very rewarding experience that has fostered my passions for the sciences and, to a greater extent, medicine.
It was an awesome experience, and helped me get great exposure to the science and math world and such a young age
I think the COSMOS program was really great, it helped introduce me to living on a college campus and provided me with a great learning experience. I also found friends that I still keep in contact with and plus I still remember a few constellations from the class, unfortunately in LA it's a bit hard to see them through the smog.
BEST EXPERIENCE OF MY LIFE.
it was cool. Met my best friend there :) still in touch now

UCD COSMOS was the best summer of my life!
I loved COSMOS. It was an awesome experienced that I am glad I had the opportunity to be a part of.
I loved it! :)
It was great!
It was awesome.
Participated both as a student later as an RA, great program all around!
It was so much fun! I really enjoyed myself and it showed me that I wanted to pursue environmental issues and become an engineer.
I loved it, and it was one of the reasons that I chose to attend UCD.
great experience, everyone should do it!
I enjoyed learning about the different topics in math that I did not see in high school. Even though I was very confused when trying to understand the material, it was still interesting to know the different fields that exist in the subject.
I am glad to have been a part of COSMOS
It was AWESOME.
I really enjoyed it!
It was a great dip into research that allowed me to apply to YSP the next year.
Fun summer, great way to meet people and for me, gain an exposure to animal science I had never even considered.
UC Davis COSMOS was a wonderful experience which helped me learn a great deal about who I am, and confirm that I am interested in a future in nuclear technology.
It was an awesome experience of what college almost feels like.
I tremendously appreciate my time at COSMOS.
It was one of the best summers I've ever had.
seriously one of the best months of my life
It was awesome, great experience, would totally recommend.
It was a great experience! I had a lot of fun and I'm glad I applied.
Excellent, like the true college experience
My COSMOS experience was extremely fulfilling both academically and socially.
Wonderful experience to explore my interests, live away from home and on a college campus for a month. Great mentors and friends!
The teachers, content, project, and community were fantastic.
COSMOS WAS ZE BOMBBBB
It was really fun, I actually learned a lot of applicable stuff in my summer there. Hafez is a really good professor, my upper level thermodynamics class is barely touching upon the material he taught us and I remember everything we learned about alternative energy. Would definitely recommend it to any budding mechanical engineers.
This was one of the best experiences in my life!
I loved it. It was the first time in my life that I got to spend time around people who were like me and it's what encouraged me to attend a tech school like Harvey Mudd. Except for my first month in college, it was was the happiest I've been for an entire month.
Had a blast!!!!!!
It has enriched my knowledge of physics and opened possibilities to learn more in those areas.
Loved it! Great Experience still use the knowledge learned.
My experience at COSMOS was incredible - from the people I met to the direction it took me. I was lucky enough to be one of the four selected to attend the Nobel Event in LA for my year. That night was easily the highlight of my young life! On top of everything, the programming classes I took motivated me to pursue computer science which I will be majoring in next year at UC Santa Cruz.

Fun. Definitely recommend to other students
Because of my involvement with the program I know now what I would like to do when I graduate.
I thought it was really fun, though somewhat too focused on programming and applications without going that deep into computer science.
It was a very rewarding and memorable experience.
To get exposure to lab work that early was extremely useful!
it was amazing and gave me an understanding of the world that I was not introduced to in high school.
It was the best program I have ever done. I totally recommend it to everyone.
great program. thank you COSMOS
I loved it! It was a great preview of college life while balancing learning with having fun. I'd recommend it to anyone interested in any math or science or technology related field.
It was so much fun! I loved being at UC Davis and learning from Professor LeFebvre and all the wonderfully fascinating TA's.
It was the greatest summer ever!!
Very fun and interactive program and an amazing opportunity to learn many new things at a collegiate level.
I thought it was fun and helpful for the future.
It was a great program! I had a great experience learning from the lectures and the field trips!
It was absolutely incredible. One of the best summers of my life :)
it was really fun
It nurtures my passion for math.
Cosmos changed my life. It's the best choice I ever made.
I'm currently dating someone I met at COSMOS. :)
Certainly a good experience.
Great program, keep it going
COSMOS was a great experience.
It was a great experience! I'm glad I participated in it! Learned a lot about lab science, and other basic biotechnology techniques which was helpful in other classes/future research experience. And of course, it was a lot of fun! I met a bunch of awesome people, many of whom I still keep in touch with!!
My first lab experience ever and completely changed my perspective on science. I still rely on some of the things I learned in terms of lab work. It introduced me to the idea of doing an independent project for science fair competitions and I spent the next three years of high school working on projects and competing at local, state, and international science competitions. I still reference the field trips we took when I am discussing certain things (like Monsanto for GMO and Genentech for microarray/gene analysis).
I really enjoyed the COSMOS Program. I feel like it made a huge impact in my life and was big reason why I decided to go into Engineering.
The COSMOS program really encouraged me to go into medicine. Before that summer I was unsure, but it convinced me to apply to medical school
It was one of the best months of my life! And it led me to choose my major!
IT WAS SOOO MUCH FUN!!
Over this summer I really want to be an RA for the program, so I can help students have as much fun as I did.
Great program, well developed, well organized. The social aspects of the program was what I got the most out of it
awesome fun! recommend it to everybody
Nope

awesome.
It was awesome! Keep doing it, don't let the legislators take away its funding!
UC Davis COSMOS was the best thing that ever happened to me.
It was an awesome experience... please keep the program running!
It was an amazing college experience for high school students
It was a great experience which I value and I believe helped me later in life.
One of the best experiences I've ever had and dramatically changed my life for the better.
CAN I BE A PROCTOR? PRETTY PLEASE? I MISS UC DAVIS COSMOS. & Doctor L!