

2004 NCSPP Conference Comments from Student Delegates

The 2004 NCSPP Conference has been a wonderful experience for me, with the focus being advocacy. I have increased my knowledge of the value of advocacy from a personal and professional level. Applying our advocacy training on Capitol Hill allowed me to communicate with legislators to help guide decisions about laws that affect all of our lives. Networking with other graduate students and faculty from professional schools opened the door for ongoing relationships, resources, and consultation. Facilitation by Sheryn allowed students to process our daily feelings as we engaged in debriefing moments. These moments fostered an atmosphere of trust. Overall, NCSPP continues to support its goal of advancing the development of the highest quality of training in professional psychology. I'm glad I had the opportunity to take part in the 2004 NCSPP Conference!

Tiffany Prather

Wisconsin School of Professional Psychology

I am so appreciative of this opportunity to come to NCSPP. I have had so much fun meeting with other students and faculty. After lobbying, I feel very empowered and that my voice does count—I can make a difference in psychology.

Molly Burns

Forest Institute of Professional Psychology

This has been a very empowering experience for me both professionally and personally. The advocacy training and visit to the Hill will be unforgettable. It has also been very encouraging for me to meet other psychologists and students who share the same interest and concern with diversity issues, the need for more students of color, and programs serving diverse populations. I appreciate everyone's ongoing efforts in this area.

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Congratulations on being chosen to the NCSPP conference. Being chosen is both an honor and an opportunity. It is an honor because your faculty and/or peers see something in you and believe you represent your school well. It is an opportunity to have the students' voice represented at NCSPP. The delegates are very interested in your perspective and ideas. It is also an opportunity to trade information and ideas with fellow students. I encourage you to share your concerns and interests with delegates here. It's a great opportunity to make connections with students and faculty who share similar research opportunities. Enjoy your week here. Take advantage of committee meetings to network and share. Most of all, be yourself and have fun.

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I'm kind of a local, family oriented, keep the bubble small kind of person. As a result, my mind was focused on what I can learn and do for MSPP. Although that remains my primary focus, I've come to appreciate the importance of a wider responsibility.

My challenge now is to keep the momentum and share it with my classmates. Individual conversations, a group presentation, and possibly an article in the school newsletter will be my plan to achieve this goal.

In addition to learning about advocacy, I really appreciate meeting people from other schools! Listening to their experiences has sparked creative ideas to enhance the program at MSPP. I thank everyone for their honesty and openness!

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This has been my second year returning to NCSPP as a student, and I have had two very diverse and wonderful experiences. With a focus on this year's conference in Washington, D.C., I leave feeling empowered, connected, and in admiration. I have learned much about finding my voice in the psychological community and about the responsibility we each have to advocate for our profession's development. The members of NCSPP are doing just this and they should be commended. I feel particularly appreciative to see this firsthand and know that I will integrate these initiatives into my life in the future.

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