

As was part of my plan for attending the ASLO/AGU Ocean Sciences meeting with my students, I emailed all the researchers with whom my students interacted. I sent them the students' comments and what they learned from the posters. Here are some responses from the researchers:

You are so kind to pass this along to me. Thank you very much. I remember your group very well and fondly. They were enthusiastic, asked good questions, and listened well to the answers. I was staffing the NEPTUNE exhibit booth in the exhibit hall when they visited with me. An important part of NEPTUNE's mission is education and outreach, so it's good to know that we reached some students. They can visit our web site at <www.neptune.ocean.washington.edu> for more information or to keep up to date with what's happening with the project.

Sincerely,
Nancy Penrose

I was really happy to see that the students were interested and asked questions, I actually asked questions to some of the students and that started a great discussion on hydrothermal vents. Thank you for sending the comments.

Carmen Aguilar

I am impressed! Maybe Josh or I can talk with your class this semester. Josh is one of my undergraduate students, and is from Oahu and may be able to stop by. Josh is in Tahiti right now in any case. Congratulations on finishing your Thesis.

Aloha,

Dr. Paul Haberstroh
Marine Science Dept. UH-Hilo

Thank you very much for your response. I am extremely impressed with your student's ability to read and interpret a scientific poster, especially considering its pretty hard to get a marine scientist to read a poster and get the right information out of it. It was three exceptional high school teachers that got me into science, so best of luck to you, and keep up the great work. Also, I am considering VIMS as a graduate school, and was wondering what your take on its grad school.

Thanks, Henry

I am quite honored that your students found my poster interesting. I was actually one of the few undergraduates who presented a poster at the ASLO meeting and it was my first meeting. Basically, your students got everything right, but I would not say that these zooplankton groups described below were numerically dominant, they were just large-bodied groups. I think it is great that you're getting middle school students interested in science this way! Thanks again for your interest.

Sincerely, Jenny Birnbaum

What a great job your students did! I'm very glad that they enjoyed the poster, and please encourage them to write to me with questions about ocean science, if they're still interested or would like further information.

Sincerely, Rochelle

Thank you for your e-mail. Please tell your students that I really enjoyed talking to them also. It was very exciting and refreshing for me to meet high school students who were so bright and enthusiastic about science. They all asked very intelligent questions and I was pleased to share my research with them.

Sincerely, Lisa Rodrigues

Thank you so much for the e-mail. It is wonderful to see students still in high school being exposed to a conference and the research that goes on in the field of Marine Science. I went to high school in Northern Alabama, so I had very few opportunities like this one. I really appreciate your e-mail and the comments of the students in your class.

John Robinson

Glad to hear from you. It is great to read the impressions of your students and see that they got something out of it. I enjoyed talking with them (in fact, it was the highlight of my interactions because I love teaching!). That was a very good idea...to have them participate in a poster session.

Best regards.

John Ryan

Monterey Bay Aquarium Research Institute

Thanks for the e-mail Tami. I was really happy to see the students there--it is a wonderful opportunity for them and for us! Plus, it is always nice to know that science isn't just for "scientists". Cheers, Meagan

I'm glad they got so much out of my poster. I remember many of the students that came by, and I was impressed by their questions and enthusiasm. I think it's great that you have your students participate in things like ASLO. It helps them to see what they can do with a science degree and that many times it can be exciting and rewarding. The student interested in gene probes and signal transduction is more than welcome to email me with further questions.

Thanks for the update, Sara

Many thanks for your letter, it meant a lot and really is one of the greatest things I've gotten out of my research this far. It was also really interesting to see how what I had said to your students had been understood, they more or less have the right idea which is great. When I get a few minutes, I'll see what I can put together to provide a couple answers/opinions to your students questions.

Cheers, Chris

thank you very much for your feed back, it was much appreciated. I do remember your students and must say I was very interested in talking to them. I think the relevance to life at vents and other volcanic phenomenon is of perhaps more interest to your students in Hawaii than in most other places. The students were bright and it was very encouraging for me to get so many insightful questions from them. I hope if there are any other questions the students or indeed future students of yours have, please do not hesitate to contact me, I look forward to coming back to Hawaii soon.

All the best, Doug