

## WHAT DID THE DECEMBER 2007 SCHOLARS HAVE TO SAY ABOUT THEIR PROGRAMS.....?

I really learned a lot about what kinds of opportunities are out there, and gained some valuable contact information.

The program acquainted me with a variety of companies, and I made networking contacts that I could comfortably use in the future. I also felt more hopeful about my future post-Carleton.

I learned about numerous fields in technology that don't involve being a computer science major. This experience opened the door to many opportunities that would be great for me in the future.

I don't think there was just one specific experience that was meaningful. I really feel that the trip as a whole gave me a much better idea as to what kinds of opportunities are out there, and what the requirements are for these opportunities. This is information I didn't have before.

I am inspired to see these careers in IT to be so energetic and innovative. This has really motivated me.

I appreciate the diversity of the technology industry {after the program} in new ways, and I am more aware of the startup opportunities that are still available. I think I have a new appreciation of technology as a career, and that is very helpful.

By far {the most meaningful experience of the trip}, it was meeting and hearing the experiences of alums, and the difficulties they went through to get where they are. I learn best through experience, with the anecdotes of others coming a close second, and what they related was simultaneously reassuring and inspiring.

As a result of the trip, I have felt more comfortable contacting alums. I've tried to stay in touch with a few which is something I would have never done before. Also, I've applied for several internships.

I'm not sure I can single out one experience {as the most meaningful experience}. I thought it was awesome to sit down with IPCC scientists and climate experts and be able to ask them questions. The policy people were probably the most exciting to me - especially those at the Rocky Mountain Institute, who have a real, comprehensive vision for the future, as well as those at the Nature Conservancy, who take a very practical approach to conservation. Visiting the governor's office was also great. All of these experiences were exciting and inspiring, because I got to meet competent, intelligent people tackling challenges that I care deeply about.

Yes {I do look at the environmental field differently}. It seems more prestigious and less like a hippy movement than before.