2006 ICEE Conference in Puerto Rico

This summer following graduation I had the privilege to travel to Puerto Rico and present at the 2006 ICEE conference on engineering education, and the experience was amazing. I arrived in Puerto Rico July 23rd along with my professor and was able to attend the first of several events sponsored by the Conference. It was there I began to meet other students like myself amongst the predominantly faculty/professor crowd. I was able to network with these students as well as several professors from the University of North Carolina in Charlotte, Virginia Tech, and the University of Massachusetts in Amherst. Bob Johnson, Kumar Mallikarjunan. The experience was invaluable in gaining the guidance and little bits of advice from colleagues and engineering professionals from around the world. I was able to question these professionals about why they chose the paths they have in their own personal education as well as in there career decisions as to why they focused on education s opposed to other avenues of their field. I also noticed the drive for excellence in their work and continuous improvement on their behalf and that of their respective Universities. My fellow student presenters Byron Wallace and Esteban Islas gave me the opportunity to see young ones with diverse backgrounds in life and education, making similar educational and career decisions in their lives. I learned much about how the ICEE conference really does aim to make a difference in the education of the entire world. To the Dean of CAST, I would once again like to thank you for enabling me to be a part of this summers ICEE conference and funding my stay in Puerto Rico. This has truly been an unforgettable experience which enforces that scholarship pays off in more ways than one.

Yours Truly,

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