

Quotes from 2018 Governor's Institutes Graduates

"I walked away with so many new skills, interests, perspectives, friends, and unforgettable experiences... GIV changed me so much, and I never could have even considered this opportunity without your help. All that I have learned and become will now ripple out into the lives of others; you have given me a gift that keeps giving back, enriching countless lives, and for that I am eternally grateful."

"GIV has given me self-confidence that I didn't know I had, some amazing friends that I hope to know for many years to come, skills that could not have been gained in the same way anywhere else, and a memory that will live in my heart forever!"

"Throughout the first days of school, when people ask you how your summer was, I always said it was the best summer of my life because I went to engineering camp. When asked what the coolest thing I did over the summer, I said "I learned how to code and uses Arduinos!" But, the best thing about GIV was that it gave me a passion for discovery and learning. It is an incredibly humbling experience when you realize how little you know about something, but at the same time know that the people around you are ready to help you gain an understanding."

"The career night that we had at GIV especially helped me because it was really insightful to hear about jobs and careers from across all the different fields of science. It gave me a little more hope that I will find something that's very interesting to me and something that I will want to do as a future career."

"GIV was a very unique, hands-on experience, for me that I would have never been able to experience in a classroom. Being able to learn directly from college professionals and experts in their fields was fabulous. In addition, it was so valuable to be able to utilize all of the facilities and lab materials that I would not be able to access at my school... My interest in science has grown from just a subject that I have liked, to look at the possible ways I can turn my interest into a career."

"I cannot thank you enough for the friends that I have made, the places that I have been, and the learning experiences that I have taken from this great community of individuals. I not only learned about the environment and what its future looks like, but I also learned active skills that I will use for the rest of my days: time management skills, social skills, listening skills, and just learning to have fun. I was shy at first, when I first attended GIV, but it taught me to not be afraid, and to step outside of my comfort zone, to share my ideas, even if they're incorrect. I want to thank you for this incredible experience that you have granted me."

This taste of a college experience helped further my excitement about going to college...As I start my senior year of high school, I will be able to use the skills and knowledge that I gained from GIV to finish high school strong, and to help steer my path after I graduate.