

My Honors Enrichment Grant allowed me to travel to Albuquerque, New Mexico and present my independent research at the Society of Vertebrate Paleontology 2018 Conference. I was able to attend lectures, poster sessions, a museum tour, and present my own poster *Analysis of Unusual Abundance Occurrences of Hyopsodus (Condylarthra) and Hyracotherium (Perissodactyla) in the Lower Eocene Willwood Formation, Bighorn Basin, Wyoming, and Resolution for Biohorizon C* as the first author of the project. At the conference I was able to connect with renowned paleontologists and meet many researchers who had influenced my project with their own work in the Bighorn Basin, Wyoming. I am incredibly grateful for this opportunity that the Honors Program Scholarship afforded me as I have been working on this project for 2 years and wanted to gain professional experience by presenting it to the leading experts in Eocene paleontology. I was able to conduct this research thanks to Kim Nichols and Dr. Tom Bown who are the directors and primary researchers at the Primate Origins Lab in the CSU Anthropology Department and teach the CSU Paleontology Field School. Professor Nichols and Dr. Bown advised the project and appeared as authors on the poster presentation along with Dr. Amy Chew who is a functional anatomist and vertebrate paleontologist at Brown University. Ben Rodwell who is a CSU Honors graduate and is now working on a PhD at the University of Texas also advised on my project and attended the conference to present his own research.

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