

## **Reflections from Daniela Alcala about the MANRRS trip to Birmingham, Alabama.**

**1. Why did you apply to go on the USDA FATE sponsored trip to Birmingham to attend the MANRRS Conference?** I applied to attend this conference, mainly because I felt it was a once in a life time opportunity to take such an amazing trip that could further my communication skills and network.

**2. What did you expect to learn from attending this conference?** I wanted to learn how to be more professional and how to present myself in front of potential employers.

**3. What did you actually learn?** I learned that I should always carry a resume and business cards.

**4. Has the experience at the conference changed your career goals? If yes, please explain.** My career goals have not changed, I still plan on being an agriculture teacher. But I do want to further my experience in many other agriculture aspects.

**5. How has being a participant in the USDA FATE scholarship program helped you in pursuing a college education?** With having this scholarship, it has motivated me to keep going academically and strive to one day achieve my career goals.

**6. What did you like best about the entire experience?** I liked the relationships I built and the people I met. The people I met are relationships that are going to last a life time.

**7. What will you tell your fellow USDA FATE scholars about this trip?** I will tell them that this was such a great experience and they should take advantage of this opportunity the next year.

**8. What will be your fondest memory of going to Birmingham and the 2014 MANRRS conference?** My fondest memory would be bonding with the people I met from this wonderful experience and being able to meet the former presidents of MANRRS along with their child and taking a picture with them for the MANRRS magazine.



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