

## 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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