



Greetings to the Friends of the Connecticut Science Fair and the Science Horizons Science Fair.



Finally, we got to sleep in today. So you can imagine that I was less than cordial when I received a phone call an hour before I had to wake up. It was a representative from WGCH, Greenwich's local radio station, requesting I stop by the conference center in ten minutes for a call-in interview on Business Talk Radio. Good thing I was still in

my pajamas! If I hadn't just been asleep, arriving quickly would have been a much simpler enterprise. I arrived in ten minutes and before I knew it I was speaking with WGCH Radio before I even had time to eat my breakfast. The interview was just cheeky. I was especially excited to speak about how amazing our experience at Intel has been so far. Afterwards, I ran back to reconvene with the group for breakfast.

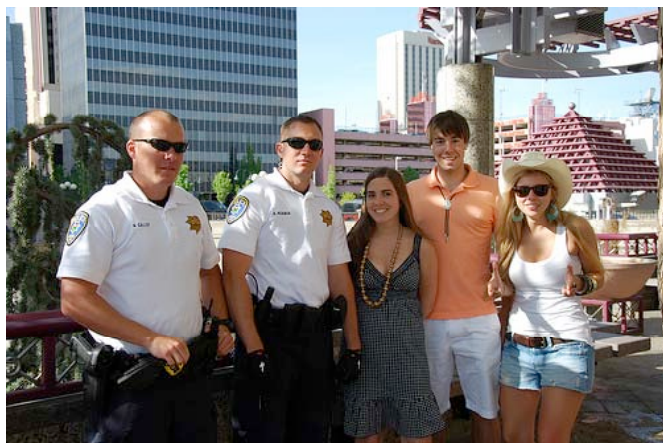
Then it was back to the convention center for the four hour long public viewing session. Though I didn't stay at my project for all four hours, I had the opportunity to speak with some interesting characters who are also passionate about honeybees including Nancy Aiello, the Chair of the Scientific Review Committee. Michael Tom had the opportunity to explore the other finalists' projects and seemed to really enjoy talking to the other participants.



Then we paid a visit to Reno's good ol' Boot Barn. They had everything you need to become a sharp-shooting cowboy which William Newberry quickly took advantage of. With his cowboy hat, boots, plaid shirt, and leather choker necklace, he had me convinced.

Without a dull moment we were off to dinner at 4:00. We drove to the heart of the Biggest Little City in the World and ate excellent cuisine at a café. We had our second run in with the law. But fortunately this time, we weren't the delinquents. We got to witness a Reno 911 arrest, what a thrill! So clearly after the troublemaker was sent away, William requested to take a photograph with the police.

Now it was back to the convention center for the Special Awards Ceremony. We buckled our seatbelts for the upcoming ride: three hours of award announcements. I was very proud of William when he received a



monetary award of \$1,500 from the SPIE – The International Society for Optical Research. I was also fortunate to receive a first place award from the Air Force including \$3,000. After this night of fun we all parted ways to have a peaceful conclusion to such a jam-packed day. William, Micheal Tom, Mr. Bramante, and Mr. Wisner are now off watching the 12:01 a.m. premiere of Angels and Demons, Eliana, Amoolya, and Alex are getting some ice cream, and I am sitting in our room reflecting on the events of this busy day. As for tomorrow, we don't get to sleep in.