



“My time at DVSF ignited a passion for science – not just doing the research, but the people and communities that you get to be a part of along the way. Taking part in DVSF showed me that I too could contribute to science, which motivated a long road to graduate school, where I find myself trying to do the same thing.”

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