10 Things We Learned Presenting at ASCA

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The Importance of Networking:
Don’t think that just because someone is not in the same state as you that networking with them won’t matter or benefit you.
#9 Trust The Process and Yourself:
We were thrown into doing the majority of this presentation and we are so blessed to have trusted Dr. Mason throughout the process! We were also able to talk about our TIP project and to see how the 1st summer’s project laid the foundation for this summer’s project!
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*Just How Important This Opportunity was:*

We were told over and over about how amazing it was for us to have been able to present at an ASCA National conference but it did not settle in until the next day at the meet and greet. Very important people expressed how well we handled ourselves and that we understood more about our data than most did at our stage. We will be able to utilize this experience in our future job interviews!
You’re Never Too New or Inexperienced to Matter:

After having dinner with Kirsten, the National School Counselor of the year, we got to know her and hear of her experiences thus far. We were the most amazed that she had only been a School Counselor for 7, years! This shed light on just how much of a difference we can make even as grad students going into internship, or as new school counselors.
We Gathered Great Tools and Information:

We were able to walk around the exhibits and listen in on some sessions that will benefit our future career and even gave us insight on our internship. The vendors all had helpful information that we made note of for our future group and classroom lessons! We were also able to save the powerpoints and handouts from every session at the conference!
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*We Learned a Lot From Our Feedback:* We received extremely positive feedback from very important people. This feedback made us feel secure in what we were doing not only for our classes but for our future internship sights. We are confident that we chose the right profession.
Our Passion Grew for The Profession: We learned that we are capable of much more than what we thought. We were afraid we would forget what we had rehearsed, but once we started talking we realized we did not need note cards because what we were saying was what we know and what we are passionate about!
We Gained Confidence In Public Speaking:
As the “quiet ones” of our cohort, we struggled with being able to speak in front of people. This experience was the best way to practice and overcome some of these nerves!
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**We Made Valuable Connections:** School Counseling is not just a profession, it’s a family who all share the same love and hopes for PK-12 students.

Pictured With The National School Counselor of the Year and Former Years!
The Number One Thing We Learned:

*How Amazing Dr. Mason is:*

Of course we already knew she was amazing and that she has so much knowledge that she pours into us but we got to see how well known she was and how highly others view her. We feel even more grateful to have the honor of knowing her and having her as a professor but to have had this opportunity to present with her and network with our future colleagues! We love you so much for the opportunity to be a part of the presentation and for everything extra you arranged for us at ASCA!
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