

The NEWCA conference was an amazing experience and such a blast; not only was it eye-opening, but I learned so much about myself and tutoring, that I would have never realized otherwise. It was daunting for me, being fairly introverted, that I would have to present in front of a crowd, but I can say with complete honesty that it has been one of the most rewarding things I have done so far at UMaine. Not only did I get to do research for a field and topic I am passionate about, I pushed myself to grow as a communicator, tutor, and future teacher. I presented in front of a great group of people, all interested in the same things I am, and after the initial shock of being nervous, I began to enjoy myself. There were so many people I met, sessions/seminars I got to attend, and ideas that were sparked because of what I learned. It was such a beautiful weekend, full of talented and intelligent people, and I truly felt as though I grew as a learner and tutor. What I will take a few from NEWCA is more than the congratulations we got after our presentation or the delicious lunch we were served - although that is great, too. I will take away an infinite amount of ideas and unique perspectives, a better understanding of myself and what I am capable of not only doing but of learning, and an appreciation of the Writing Center community in New England, which is full of wonderful people. I look forward to being as active as I can be in this community, and I can't express how grateful I am for the opportunity to attend the NEWCA conference.