

Dr. Bell,

My name is Manie Luangphasy, and I want to thank HELP Consulting, Mr. Ed, you and everyone at Auburn University for your hospitality at Industrial Design Camp. The following will explain the experience I had and that all of you left on me.

Industrial Design camp was amazing and I really enjoyed it! I got to have a hands-on experience with designing and I met some really awesome people. While attending camp I realized how much I love the atmosphere and creating my own ideas; I also absolutely love Auburn University and how friendly everyone was.





Samford Hall (with my two camp counselors in the bottom right)



The design camp crew on the day of exhibiting our projects.



All 15 of us about to go eat dinner.



I ended up keeping in contact with almost all the other campers because they were all pretty terrific and we got along wonderfully.



I was given my own table in the studio, which I took advantage of.



Our project was to create a device or program to help make the Auburn campus tour experience better. I created headphones with built-in navigation, projection, and a cooling system to keep wearers comfortable while touring

Auburn. This is the prototype I made (made out of plastic, foam, and paper) along with an image I made to simulate the projection mechanism.



Someone actually managed to snap a picture of me while I was presenting my project! (It was a scary but also great experience)



Eugene Williams, who helped me make my headphones.



Me and Mr. Birdsong--who I had a great pleasure meeting!-- on the day of graduation from camp



The brainstorming behind the headphones



Constructing the headphones' ear pieces by cutting and sanding down foam (I originally tried to make the headband out of cardboard, which was not successful)

Before I attended camp that week, I was really unsure of what I wanted to do when I graduate high school, unsure of what I was really passionate about. Attending camp, this experience helped me realize that industrial/graphic design is something I would definitely major in. I felt right at home in the studio and I loved processing my ideas and turning them into something real. I was surrounded by wonderful people who were just like me and I instantly got along with them. I will always remember this week because it helped me open my eyes and it gave me excitement for the future; I'm now a lot more confident about what I want to be. I wish I had more time during the week of camp to see and talk to you, but I do thank you for everything.

P.S. Needless to say, I WILL be applying to Auburn this fall and look forward to not only becoming a part of the Tiger Family, but hopefully serving as a counselor myself, so that I can give back and create experiences like I had for other future Tigers.

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Sincerely,

Manie Luangphasy (Future Auburn Tiger)