This event was attended by invitation only. Several universities and community colleges state wide were invited to participate and each school was allowed to send only one or two students. An invitation was extended to Lamar University, and Sara Vogler was selected to represent our school. She and her mentor, Dr. Cristian Bahrim, were sent to Austin, Texas to showcase the Lamar undergraduate research experience for legislators, other institutions of higher education, and the public.

After checking in and receiving a badge, the morning began with a tour of the State Capitol. Among many interesting room full of art and objects of interest, we were shown the Senate room and the portrait of Mirabeau B. Lamar that hangs in that room.

After the tour, two panels of academic researchers presented their experience to students in the Supreme Court of Appeals, located at the third floor of the Capitol. The researchers spoke about the process of becoming a successful university researcher and their own experience as university researchers. A question was put to the panelists regarding the interdisciplinary
socialization at the undergraduate/graduate level in order to acquaint them for working with patent writers and policy makers later in their careers. This revealed the interdisciplinary cooperatives functioning at a handful of schools.

Just before lunch, we sat in the balcony of the House of Representatives Chamber in anticipation of recognition by the Honorable Dan Branch, the Chairman of the House Higher Education Committee. The Honorable Branch gained the floor at 12:06 pm and welcomed all the undergraduates to the Texas House with the words, "That's the future, members. Right there!"

The climax of the day and the final event was the poster session in the Ground Floor Rotunda. Sixty-eight posters were set-up by students around Texas, and they presented their research for two hours. The research from Lamar University was titled "Analysis of Atomic Emission Spectra with Applications in the Study of our Universe" by Sara-jeanne Vogler and Dr. Cristian Bahrim. Sara had at least 15 students, professors, politicians, and members of the public stop to view, hear about and discuss her research, and the benefits and history of Lamar University. She was given the special opportunity to meet an alumna of Lamar U. who attended when the name of our institution was first selected.

On the trip back home Sara and Dr. Bahrim stopped at the Bob Bullock State History Museum in Austin, Texas, and at a field out of Chapel Hill, Texas, to view hundreds of Blue Bonnets in Bloom. They also drove through Washington State Park and viewed the historic site called Washington-on-the-Brazos. A wonderful day spent engrossed in the history of Our State of Texas!

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