EDventures 1 page summary for CMORE website
“Travel and Tuition Grant for Santa Fe Science Writing Workshop” - $1987
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Attached with this summary:
1) occupyALOHA.pdf = published blog post on StudentVoices/nature.com
2) Writing workshop OCB_NEWS.pdf = published newsletter piece about the Writing Workshop

I attended the 17th annual Santa Fe Science Writing Workshop from May 7-12, 2012 in downtown Santa Fe, NM. The workshop was led by New York Times science writers George Johnson and Sandra Blakeslee. My instructor of the week was Tim Appenzeller, the magazine editor for Nature magazine who has previously held posts at National Geographic and Science. Other instructors included David Dobbs, a writer for The Atlantic, New York Times Magazine, National Geographic, Wired, and others; Maryn McKenna, a journalist and author specializing in infectious disease, public health, global health, and food policy; David Corcoran, the science editor of the New York Times; and Michelle Nijhous, a freelance writer who writes for National Geographic, The New Yorker, and others. Each instructor provided valuable insights into the mechanics of science writing, the process of communicating with editors, as well as the do’s and don’ts of submitting pitches to editors. I learned about the process of interviewing and gathering sources, publication rights, and various news outlets for a variety of types of articles. The workshop was attended not only by journalists but also by scientists, many of whom had either received or were in route for their advanced degrees. The presence of both journalists and those with science backgrounds resulted in interesting discussions about scientific content and how to maintain integrity while presenting the truth about scientific research. For me, I attended the workshop because of my love for writing and desire to write pieces about my research for a public audience. The workshop provided me with concrete tools, which gave me the confidence I needed to approach news media with my pieces of writing.

After returning from the workshop, I interviewed Dr. David Karl about C-MORE’s summer 2012 expedition, HOE-DYLAN, and submitted a blog post to be published in the Student Voices section of the Scitable.nature.com website (attached). I also organized a C-MORE-wide virtual workshop highlighting the writing tips I obtained, tailoring the information for graduate students and post-doctoral scholars. The C-MORE Virtual Workshop on Science Writing was conducted on October 2, 2012 and was attended by 31 participants across 4 institutions. The guest speakers for the workshop included Dr. Judith Connor from MBARI, Tim Appenzeller from Nature magazine, and George Johnson of The New York Times. Participants were given homework, which were discussed during the workshop. The summary of this workshop was written up in the Ocean Carbon Biogeochemistry (OCB) Fall Newsletter (attached). Following the workshop, eight participants submitted a 350-word blurb about their research as part of a C-MORE group blog post to be published on Science Buzz. The editing process is still in progress and the group blog post is scheduled to be published by Christmas, 2012.
C-MORE Highlight

Through EDventures, C-MORE funded Shimi Rii, a Ph.D. graduate student at the University of Hawaii at Manoa, to attend the Santa Fe Science Writing Workshop in Santa Fe, NM in May of 2012. The Workshop was hosted for the 17th time by *New York Times* science journalists George Johnson and Sandra Blakeslee. With an all-star cast that included writers and editors of renowned science news outlets such as *Nature* and *National Geographic*, Rii obtained valuable science writing tips such as the mechanics of good science writing and what editors want. The Workshop was attended not only by journalists but also by scientists, many of whom had either received or are in route for their advanced degrees.

After returning from the workshop, Rii submitted a blog post to be published in the Student Voices section of the Scitable.nature.com website. Her article discussed the background and goals of C-MORE’s summer 2012 expedition, HOE-DYLAN, inspired by an interview with Dr. David Karl. In addition, Rii organized a C-MORE-wide virtual workshop highlighting the writing tips she obtained, including hands-on exercises and guest speakers Dr. Judith Connor, Tim Appenzeller, and George Johnson. The summary of this C-MORE Virtual Workshop on Science Writing was written up in the Ocean Carbon Biogeochemistry (OCB)’s Fall Newsletter by Rii. Eight participants of the workshop further submitted a 350-word blurb about their research as part of a C-MORE group blog post to be published on Science Buzz.