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“Examining Galaxies and Goals”

“What do you want to be when you grow up?” As a Five College Astronomy Research Intern, I hoped my research experience would lead me to solidifying my path of becoming a professional astrophysicist. In my daily research, I used data obtained at the Large Millimeter Telescope located in the state of Puebla, Mexico. I planned to find the mechanism driving large amounts of gas being expelled from different galaxies. At the conclusion of my project I found I needed more data to make conclusions, both in research related to galaxies and my personal path after graduation. This has allowed me to examine different possible paths and reflect on how my astronomy major can help me in different possible careers. During this presentation, I will share my journey in research and how I found value and stayed present while questioning my own goals and future.