

## Comments from Students who attended the Business Associates Sponsored 2012 Oracle Open World Field Trip

1. I thoroughly enjoyed attending the Oracle Open World Conference (for the 2<sup>nd</sup> time). I was able to make valuable new connections and learned a great deal about emerging technology in my industry.
2. I enjoyed my time at Open World. It gave me a sneak peak into the future of Oracle related software and services. The information I gathered on the exhibition floor provided me with insight as to what to study in the future.
3. As a CSci student, I found the experience to be very informational and enjoyable. It was great to see all of the vendor exhibits in each of the exhibit halls. I may not need the products/services at the present time but at least I have an idea of the kind of solutions that are out there.
4. As a visiting student at Fresno State, I thank the University for giving me the opportunity to have this field trip. I had fun all day and also have learned much more. The conference is amazing and I love the keynote speeches. Thank you!!
5. Thank you for inviting FCC. I am a salon owner for 18 years and decided to go back to school. Some of the things I learned today will always be with me. Thanks for the invite.
6. It was a great experience to meet the people and know what companies are doing currently. Cloud was the theme of the event this year. I wish we could stay longer – two days. I couldn't even meet half of the exhibition.
7. I had a great time and it was an awesome experience. Winning stuff is always great too. Learned a lot about the industry I am about to go into. It is nice to see what companies I might eventually work for.
8. The trip was a great experience. It allowed me to familiarize myself with a lot of the companies in the industry and the products or services they are currently pushing. I was exposed to a lot of information I would not have encountered otherwise. Through this trip I have a better idea of what may be the future of this industry.
9. This was the first trip I have taken with the ISDS department. I am currently taking IS 158 so I thought it was great to see the multitude of companies solely based on using database. Also a great way to find companies for possible future employment.
10. Oracle gives us the experience we would never be able to get in the classroom. See all of the different companies and learning about the newest technology has given me a better idea of what I want to pursue as my career. The experience is totally worth it.
11. This is my first technology event and I found it interesting. It was interesting to see how closely tied the companies are to each other. While Oracle was the host, a lot of companies were tied together outside the Oracle connection.
12. This trip gives students the possibility to attend an event we would not be able to attend normally. Oracle gave me a new view on database and really allowed me to network with other professionals in the industry. I would **LOVE** to go again in the future.
13. I had a good time at OOW this year. It was the third time I went and it was just as much fun as the other times. Talking to all of the people at the booths was cool.

14. I had fun. I got lots of free stuff although I expect lots of junk email. I expect most of it to be useful for my CIT club. I learned that I do not know enough about computers yet I saw marketing skills applied for optimum results.
15. I enjoyed my time at Oracle Open World. I learned just how big Oracle is and just what Big Data is. I spoke with a lot of people and learned that every two days since 2002 we are generating the same amount of data as humans from the beginning of society to 2002. The future will run on data in the cloud.
16. My first experience at OOW was memorable. The whole experience opened my eyes to all the possibilities technology has and how behind I am. I am now more motivated than ever to succeed in the field of technology. Now that I was able to see how many options I have to work with, I will keep an open mind when it comes to choosing a career path.
17. Being a senior and having had lots of experiences on campus, I thought that Oracle would not present anything new. I was proven wrong. I was exposed to database technology and computing concepts that will soon become standard in my workplace. I would not have seen hands-on technology like this anywhere else and I am grateful for the opportunity.
18. I had not expected Oracle to be such an impact on my life. I thought that I was prepared in my career that I have learning what I learned. I was so wrong as some if not all of this had something to spark further my training so that I will not be surprised by any question. These trips prepare us for being shocked by the real world.
19. It was awesome. I would definitely go back again.
20. So much to see. So many to talk to. Technology is really advancing quickly. It is hard to keep up.
21. I was very intrigued by a few products that could easily be implemented into my family's business. I was not expected that and I am very eager to present my findings to my boss (my dad).
22. I had a great time and saw some good ideas. I was a little discouraged with the reception we got from a few vendors once they found out we were students but for the most part I have lots to bring back to campus.
23. For me Oracle was a great experience. It really opened my eyes to all of the technology that is out there. It was interesting to see what types of companies were there and what they did. But I felt discouraged as I went to different vendors. Some blew us off when they found out we were students or if we didn't use a certain product; they would not talk with us. I was discouraged in trying to approach some vendors. Overall I enjoyed it and learned a lot.
24. Oracle was great as usual. Dr. Moffitt, thank you for providing this opportunity for me as well as the rest of the students. I feel that these professional field trips are always great; you get the chance to meet new people and network with professional companies.
25. This was my first experience at Oracle Open World. It was amazing getting to talk to vendors about products and gaining lots of knowledge from it. I thought I knew about what database technology is. Oracle showed me that there is a lot of learning to do. I also got to think about what part of industry I want to start my career in. Thank you.
26. I had a blast at Open World. The booths were the best part of the event because I got to speak with employees of the companies. I was able to get a broader understanding of what is out there. I learned what employers are seeking in employees. It has given me the chance to have options to choose from when I graduate. The overall experience was great.

