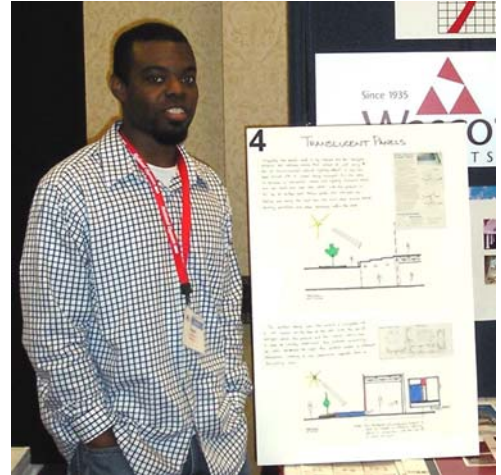


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The **2006 South Central Region CSI Conference** left a positive impression with me. What I liked about the conference the most was the meeting of new people and the exchange of ideas from the different products we received from the product show. I did not feel the need to hide my idea around the other competitors because after being around them, for the short amount of time we were together, everyone was so hospitable.



Also, the trip to the baseball game was extremely fun. When I was stuck at the gate because of a glitch with the barcode on my ticket, the rest of the group held up and waited on me until I got in the gate. Afterwards, a person from another school was familiar with the area invited us to go to a local arcade hang out. Needless to say, we were having such a great time; we stayed out until about three in the morning.



The following morning was a true treat. We were taken to **Beck**, a local architectural/ contractor joined firm. Going through seeing how they develop their ideas amongst each other was great. What really caught my attention were the stereo-lithographed models on the table in front of us. I later was able to get information on who they used in efforts to make my life easier when I get to graduate school and run out of time to build models.



Later we went to a construction site next to the office, rode an elevator to the fifth story to capture incredible views of downtown Dallas. Oh yeah, and learn how the construction process evolves from paper to built structure.

Back to new friendships, before we left contact information was exchanged and most of us got together and went to a mall in Plano. We window-shopped, laughed, and went to Dave and Buster's and shot pool. The collaboration of **Doug, Brian, and Grant** to help make this function work to our benefit proved to be a great success to me, and worth the drive. I can't wait until Baltimore.

