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Now that the workshop is wrapping up, I think that it turned out to be different from what I expected but still beneficial. I expected there to be a more sequential nature to the projects and that it would culminate with some conclusion. Instead, it's been more of an overview with us sampling various molecular biology. I think this format has been successful in introducing us to the various applications and variety in the field. The lab skills I've picked up were useful but I think more practice on each technique would be necessary before I could say that I mastered or learned how to do any of them independently. The lectures were always full of information but I think they were most enjoyable when they focused on the applications of the technology. The lectures on GMO foods and their relation to poverty and the food crisis were the most engaging to me. Dr. Ullah's passion for his work was best conveyed during these lectures. Overall, the program has served as a good introduction to some basic lab techniques and the applications of plant science. I definitely feel that I am much more interested in plants than I was before. I have a better understanding of their role in our world.