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Last summer EJ completed an incredible job of self-discovery as a camp counselor in a Science, Technology, Engineering, and Math (S.T.E.M.) summer program at Stanford University. He worked with middle and high school students who were guided to the program through their parents' selection or were returning campers who were passionate about the program.

## What Students Can Learn Through Career Jobs

EJ found that it was easier to work with the high school students who were focused on exploring a career in S.T.E.M. occupations. These students were more engaged in the program and had more confidence when participating in various activities. Through these wonderful and challenging experiences, my son learned the following:

- He has incredible leadership skills.
- As he became more engaged in the program, the students were excited about their learning.

- It was amazing to observe the students' performance and growth during the program.
- As an employee, EJ was excited to receive his first formal performance evaluation that reflected his leadership successes.

## **Reflection**

Now EJ is busy with a demanding college year of upper division science classes. The confidence he gained during his summer employment continues to inspire him in his current career path of study, discovery, and growth.

May your children value their many learning experiences!

Yvette

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