Why go?

- After visiting a couple of companies I really feel like I gained the confidences to apply for my first two internships. As a Humanities Major, I sometimes do not feel like there are enough opportunities for me at the career fair. I’ve never felt the need to try at our career fair after my first year. But once I visited Silicon Valley, I realized that there are plenty of opportunities out there for me... I just have to look for them. Going to Silicon Valley gave me the reason to want to actively search for an internship instead of just graduating and leaving it to chance after that.

- The companies that we visited were happy to meet us and they wanted to show us everything that they were currently working on. They gave us advice on how to apply, when to do it, and what it is that their company is looking for.
Benefits?

- I was able to meet the people directly responsible for hiring, which I feel like will help me in the long run. I also had the chance to meet alumni that work for some of the companies that I applied to. I just feel like I was able to build actual connections that will in turn help me.

- A big part of the Silicon Valley trip is of course visiting the companies, but it is also important that we have the chance to meet and connect with people who graduated from Tech but are outside of the companies that we visited. Talking with alumni will widen your professional networks as well as give you a better understanding of how California works. The great thing is that many of the alumni that we talked to are small business owners. They were a great tool to understand the main point of Silicon Valley which is a place where many start-up companies begin.

- If we could not find a job, then some people decide to create them... Our old motto was that we create the future... now we promote students being crazy smart. Both are true about Michigan Tech students, some of our students will be responsible for employing tons of people due to the fact that they used their smarts and created the future.