**Final thoughts from participants (both professionals and students)**

* Being a teacher is still on the table (salary isn’t everything, there are open positions, and it’s a needed job)!
* While education is important, you need to have skills outside of your field and comfort zones—certifications, tools, public speaking, etc.
* Be open minded and flexible! You cannot control everything.
* Having experience can be more important than a master’s degree or higher.
* Not all work is outside.
* Don’t be disappointed if the path you choose doesn’t immediately work out. You may need to take opportunities as they are presented to you before you can reach your end goal.
* Students in this workshop are very bright, interested, and will do well at the next level.
* Skills and attitude account more much more than your initial knowledge.
* Education is the beginning, what you do after matters more.
* There are many, many places that a geology degree can take a person, career and location-wise.
* Keep an “I Love Me” folder of advice and quality work on past projects. When things get tough, I look to myself for advice if no one else is around. Build yourself up!
* Keeping an open mind is key. Things change in life, don’t be afraid to suddenly dive into new topics. Use it to further your goals.
* This networking demystified real-world careers and paths. Confidence is important!
* Geoscience is a very broad field. There’s so much to learn. Taking a job early on at a large company can be beneficial as you’re given a chance to learn quite a bit. From there, you can pivot out into a wide array of positions.
* Experience is very important, and helps you make connections that could head to the next part of your career.
* As an aspiring archaeologist, I’ve come to realize how important the geosciences are in the field and that a better understanding of geology will lead to a better understanding of the past and artifacts.
* It’s great to meeting other college students interested in geology and to network with geoscience professionals.
* Seeing such enthusiasm among these aspiring young geologists gives me hope for the future of our discipline.