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### Networking and Interactions:

At the Grace Hopper conference, I had good talks with people from different companies. They shared their stories about being women in computer science, talking about challenges and how they overcame them. I also made a friend from San Diego University, and we found our computer science experiences were similar.

### Skills Enhancement:

I learned it's not just about knowing technical stuff; it is crucial to show what you can do. Now, I'm reading books recommended by conference speakers to get better at proving my skills, not just in my job but in everyday life as well.

## II. What Happened:

### Highlights of the Conference:

The best part for me was sharing my experiences as a woman in computer science with others. Realizing we all face similar challenges made me feel more supported and confident about overcoming difficulties.

### Key Takeaways:

Talking to company reps helped me see beyond their usual image. Learning about their real practices and how they match my expectations will guide my future career decisions.

### Community and Diversity:

The conference stressed the importance of diversity, especially during the closing ceremony. They talked about being aware of the gender gap in tech and how it affects the future of technology.

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### III. Helpful Tips:

#### Preparation:

Before going to the conference, make sure your resume is good, and know about the companies there. It helps you ask meaningful questions and get the most out of the experience.

In summary, the Grace Hopper conference was a great experience. I learned a lot, made connections, and got a better understanding of diversity in the tech world. These lessons will surely help me grow both personally and professionally.

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