## UTeach Alumni Conference 2018 UTeach Dallas Alumni: Emily Wagoner

I really enjoyed the UTeach Alumni Conference this year, which had an emphasis on developing our students into makers. The keynote speaker, Brianna Rapini of The Amoeba Sisters, did a fantastic job of sharing her journey of bringing creation into her classroom and the impact creation had on not only her students, but also students from around the world who have watched her videos. The conference provided many opportunities to connect with UTeach Alumni from around the state and nation, and I even brought some of my non-UTeach colleagues along so they could also benefit from the great sessions on inquiry in STEM.

One highlight from the conference was a session by fellow UTeach Dallas Alumni Lisha Haughton and Erica Harvey, who modeled small group lessons. Students can work through differentiated group lessons, which can include paired, team, or individual activities on the topic of the day, and one station is a face-to-face lesson with the teacher. This gives you the opportunity to check in with all of your students, gage where they are with the content, and work to immediately help struggling students with whatever supports they need in order to learn the topic. I'm excited to try it out in my classroom this year!

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## UTeach Alumni Conference 2018 UTeach Dallas Alumni: Jisa Philips

This was my first time attending the conference, and it was one of the best decisions that I made. One session I attended, the Blended Learning Workshop, had several different ideas on incorporating technology into instruction. There were some neat ideas from other teachers that I want to try out next year. We also got some resources/lesson ideas we could use in our classroom, which is always a great thing to have. Overall, it was an enriching experience, and I have picked out 2-3 ideas that I want to implement in my classroom next year and see how well it goes. It is always great to meet and talk with other teachers to know that I am not the only one having a certain issue and what other better way than sharing our different ideas together.

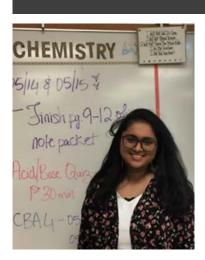
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