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Attending the ABPSI conference this year was important for my professional development and personal motivation to pursue Black psychology. The conference provided me with a network of scholars with similar interests and investments in Black psychology, whom I will continue to build relationships throughout the year as I take my position as Eastern graduate representative. These individuals will become my future colleagues; together we will conduct research that will comprise the future of Black psychology.

I was especially impressed with the welcoming environment of the conference. Higher-ups were eager to meet me and help me on my journey in psychology--and not just my scholarly journey, but my personal journey. The conference was healing. After this conference, ABPsi feels like a place that I can call a home.