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Interview Response

The interview with Professor John Delano impacted me in a few ways. Not only was I amazed by his attitude on his work –his complete fascination and dedication to his work– but I also became amazed by the work itself. Professor Delano’s commentary on his studies pertaining to space and NASA especially stuck with me, as did all that can be discovered through one small footprint. Professor Delano’s responses to the questions asked were fascinating for many different reasons.

My favorite part of the interview, and the part that I remember most, was the discussion on our galaxy and other galaxies. I was amazed to hear Professor Delano speak so calmly of the thought of possible life in other galaxies. I was unaware that the thought of life on other galaxies was at all valid. Since the interview, I have constantly been thinking about people, or things, living in places other than those on Earth. The thought had never really crossed my mind that there could be someone just like me, living in another galaxy. The interview with Professor Delano also left me amazed at the size of the universe. Although I was previously aware that the Milky Way is not the only galaxy in the Universe, I never stopped to think about what that means. The universe is huge! There could be a hundred more galaxies, each with eight planets of their own... that would mean be 800 more planets in the universe! My favorite part about the interview with Professor Delano was the discussion on space. I found it to be the most thought provoking, and now I want to know everything there is to know about it!

During the interview, Professor Delano discussed the ability to obtain information through footprints that were left millions of years ago. He told us about how it is possible to tell whether the creature was anxious, calm, running, walking, and much more. That is nothing short of remarkable. I also thoroughly enjoyed the brief discussion on dinosaurs and how the discovery of one small bone can allow a scientist to determine whether that dinosaur had wings or not. I also forgot how mindboggling it is to think about dinosaurs, and that they occupied this Earth before humans. Professor Delano reminded me how vast the Earth's history is, which simply blows my mind every time that I think about it. I also am amazed at all that is made possible today through science.

I found the interview with Professor John Delano to be incredibly thought provoking. I never had much of an interest in Earth Science, or paleontology, but now I am fascinated and want to learn more. Professor Delano's intelligent responses to every question, and his passion in what he does left me, not only in admiration, but also in hope that I find something that I love to do just as much. Professor Delano's interview left me in awe with the universe and all that it holds, and he also taught me to keep my eyes open so that I don't miss my first epiphany!