

Expedition 354 Live Broadcast Feedback (*a selection*)

From Teachers:

That conference was so wonderful!!! Very well done on your part - the kids learned so much and were so incredibly enthusiastic!! You gave a great tour, and I think we have launched a whole new crop of ocean scientists. Thank you so much for your preparation and hard work on this. I am so relieved that it worked out! Thanks, too, for including Jamie in the conference! The students have a zillion questions. I will sift through them and send them to you to answer if/when you have a chance. Thanks again - it was a tremendous success from our end!!

Thanks heaps for that the kids were buzzing for ages afterwards and I now have a class who all want to be scientists. We really do appreciate you taking the time out.

Thanks so much for an awesome video chat. My students enjoyed it very much. First of all, the quality of the video chat was excellent. I also liked how you provided background info and that you showed pictures, such as the split core, people carrying the core, the moon pool. It was much easier for students to visualize.

On behalf of the Super Science Steering Committee, thank you for being part of Super Science Saturday. There were about 30 to 35 people in the classroom for your teleconference and they were so engaged. Teleconferencing with real scientists off site was a first for Super Science Saturday. Some people came to the day after reading our press releases about the Ocean Discovery Program and connecting to the Joides Resolution. Total for the day we had over 1,000 visitors, 200 student presenters, and 50 adult presenters. We all agreed that it was our best SSS ever and that you contributed to it. As I write this we are already thinking about next year's SSS, our 28th annual Super Science Saturday. We hope that we can connect to the IODP next year where ever the Joides Resolution is to find out more about core sampling and the IODP research. Again thank you for working with us. It was the best!

The students were blown away by the experience and found it absolutely fascinating so thanks so much to both of you. They were really interested to see what everyone was up to and amazed by the fact that there were so many science labs/instruments on board the ship. There was some interesting discussion after the session ended.

Thanks for today's interactive session at the Presidency University. It was very informative not only for students with major in Geology but also for students having geology as their minors. We had a wonderful experience.

The broadcast was really educational for all of us here at the Department of Geology, Tri-Chandra Campus, Tribhuvan University. Our students considered the live session as a rare opportunity to interact with world-renowned scientists including Nepalese researchers in the IODP Expedition Team. Thanks a lot for being so kind and generous to Nepalese students and faculties.

We would like to express our thanks for the session with you and Kimberly, it was outstanding. My Geographers were so excited the next day about the Toba ash layer as we have just explored super volcanoes, there are about 3 who really want to become research scientists now. I also heard the GP teachers singing your praises in the staffroom like excited children, brilliant!

I wanted to say thank-you for today! The class loved it. In fact, I ran into three of the students after class (they were coming back from getting coffee) and they stopped me to say thank-you for today. They really enjoyed it and were very engaged. You hit all of the points I asked and really made it relevant for them. It was the highlight of my module!

From Students:

It was an amazing experience to tour around the ship, especially the lab areas.

My favorite part was the tour and seeing the daily life.

The gym and the movie theater were a surprise.

I really liked the fossils. The amount of work the scientists do is insane.

I was amazed how many different occupations were on board.

I was amazed how some of the living quarters are.

I am engineering major and I did not know there were engineers on board. I might consider a career on a ship. (THERE WERE SEVERAL RESPONSES LIKE THIS)

I was surprised how far away from shore the scientist could still pick up the signal from the erosion of the Himalaya.

I thought it was awesome. I liked seeing a world I know nothing about.

I was surprised that the operation runs 24/7 and that it takes so many people to complete all the operation.

It was great to see how oceanographers, ship captains, engineers, and deck hands all work together to achieve a common goal.

I learned a lot from the explanations about core processing and the purpose to date sediments.

It was cool that it was real life, and was happening right now.

Normally we do not get to see and experience something unless you were on the ship.

The engineers have the coolest jobs.

It was cool seeing places at a different time zone.

The two ladies were fun and smart.

Diane was very knowledgeable and gave good insights to what goes on the ship.

My brother was on a drilling ship a month ago and it was really cool to see how he lived and worked.

I was surprised that the sediment has to reach a certain temperature before it can be sampled.

I am glad no marine life is being damaged.

I was amazed about magnetic reversals.

I liked that it was a real interview.

I liked how well spoken Diane was, like she was a teacher.

I liked the photograph of the moon pool.

I liked the diagram of the drills that they use and learning about the whole process.

I was so real.

I liked how passionate the scientists were.

I was surprised that the movement of the ship can unfocus the microscope.

It opened my eyes to the researchers' points of view.

I major in chemistry and it was cool to see all the chemistry related research.

I liked the technical aspect of the drill rig.

I felt like I was on the ship with them.

I did not know that there were ships doing research.

I liked how detailed Diane's explanations were and how she used screen sharing to help to explain details.

Amazing how tall the drilling tower is.

I have never seen actual scientists at work.

Most importantly the tour demonstrated how scientists make ocean discoveries as well how we are beginning to really understand the make up of the Earth.

I was able to visualize the core samples and what sediments look like.

It was amazing to see how simple it is to split a core.