

Question: *Darrell, you and the other members of the SMART Team presented important research findings to distinguished members of the scientific community in Milwaukee and in Anaheim, CA. Why did you wear an armadillo costume?*

Darrell Anderson: I wore an armadillo costume because the structure of β -Catenin, the protein we researched, consists of an N-terminal tail followed by 12 armadillo repeats (ARM) and a final helix called helix C, located at the C-terminal end. The armadillo repeats in the protein structure inspired the costume and my role as the armadillo in our presentation at the Medical College of Wisconsin and at the Experimental Biology Conference 2010.

Q. *How did you feel dressed up as an armadillo?*

DA: For some reason, it actually made me feel more confident about presenting the information.

Q. *Who made the armadillo costume?*

DA: My teammates Karla Romero, Giovanni Rodriguez and Nancy Alba made the costume.

Q. *You're a senior this year. What do you plan to do after graduation?*

DA: I plan to go to Ball State University to study Biochemistry.

Q: *Do you have plans to dress up as an armadillo or any other small mammal anytime soon?*

DA: No.