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# A Steward's Yellow Springs Experience

Charlotte Shade, 2017 Cohort

On March 11<sup>th</sup>, the 2017 River Steward Cohort visited YSI Incorporated in Yellow Springs, Ohio. YSI is a developer and manufacturer of sensors, instruments, software, and data collection platforms for environmental water quality monitoring and testing. Many of the products that YSI creates are the same sensors and instruments that many of the engineering and life science stewards use in labs at UD! YSI reaches back to 1948 when a three-man partnership was forged at Antioch College in Yellow Springs, Ohio. Over the years, YSI has partnered with many other similar businesses, but most recently with the larger company Xylem, making YSI “a Xylem brand.” YSI is a very unique corporation and they work with businesses and scientists all over the world. They explained to us that they never know who they may get a call from, whether that be a call from the Ohio EPA or a PhD student in China.



The 2017 Cohort began their visit with a presentation from some engineers, scientists, and the marketing team at YSI. We learned that it takes people from all types of professions to run YSI. Then we received a tour of the YSI campus. We got to see engineers at work as they build new products. The engineers even demonstrated a few of the different products to us and showed us how they are built. We ended our tour in the research and development building where we got to see how YSI tests their new products before they are sold to the public.