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HEP/CAMP Intern Weekly Bio

Week 7, 7/21 – 7-27

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Week 7 came and it was time for the ADM. If I remember right the acronym stands for Annual Directors Meeting. Each year all the HEP/CAMP Directors from across the nation come to DC for about 3 days to see how each director can better their program. The ADM was hosted by the Office of Migrant Education and all the CAMP Interns got to help with the sessions. This



lasted for two days Monday and Tuesday. On Tuesday after the last session, the CAMP Directors from Washington State got together with me and Elizabeth and went to our senator's office to advocate for the CAMP Programs and share the benefits of the program and how it has impacted students' lives for the better. Then Elizabeth and I got



the chance to share how CAMP impacted our lives. After we split up and went to our Congressman's office to, again advocate for the program. We went in smaller groups and did the same thing, but the cool thing about going to my Congressman's office was that when I presented myself, the Legislative Director, who I haven't met, already knew who I was from my previous meeting with the Congressman. After this meeting all us CAMP interns went to a Peruvian restaurant with Amas, the President of the HEP/CAMP Association. After a while I got pretty tired and wanted to head home so I politely excused myself, but before I left, Amas pulled me aside and told me he was going to pay for me to get my tooth fixed. I was so shocked because... well how did he know I had a bad tooth? He just told me, "I need you to set something up before I leave which is Thursday." So I



said, "I'll do it, thank you so much" and then I asked him, "How did you know I had a bad tooth." He answered, "Don't worry about it, see you tomorrow." I just thought that was the coolest thing. I have never met this man and yet he was willing to pay for getting my teeth fixed. When I got home I couldn't help but ponder on who told him I had a bad tooth. After a while, Silverio called me so we can go out for a monument walk. We met up at the Washington Monument, and I took him to every monument in the Mall area. From the Washington Monument to

the Jefferson Memorial. At the end of the night his favorite monument was the Jefferson memorial. We came to a conclusion that the Jefferson Memorial was the most impactful one. It was a great night. That was one of the first times I spoke to one of my teacher figures as a friend during the summer. During this time I had to ask Silverio if he had anything to do with the tooth situation and he said he had no idea also.



I asked for Wednesday off, so I could show Silverio more of the city for it was his first time in DC, but before I did I went Dental office hunting. I searched up 8 dental offices and the closest one to me was Comprehensive Dental Care. I went in and ask to see if they could schedule me in any time that week.



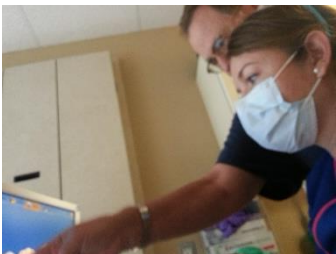
Robin, the clerk, sadly told me that there were no openings till August. So I just said thank you and gave her my number just in case anything opened up. I then went to the next dental office and right when I was about to open the door to the office I got a phone call. It was Robin, the clerk from Comprehensive Dental Care. She told me that the dentist could see me at 9:00 AM the next day I just had to fill out the new patient form. So I when home and met up with the other interns to go to the White House Eisenhower Executive Building. That building was beautiful inside and out. The CAMP Interns, Irene Bruno, Amas and I got the chance to speak with one of the President's representatives of higher education. The interns and I got to share our experience as a CAMP students and how it has greatly impacted our college experience. Right after the meeting we got to go to the White House Gift Shop and ate lunch inside the Eisenhower Executive Office Building. After I met back up with Silverio at a Metro stop, and showed him the White House and the Iwo Jima Memorial. We also spent some time at the Pentagon City Mall.



The next day I went to the dentist appointment and when I got there I was greeted by Robin, the clerk that scheduled me the appointment. I waited for about 5 minutes and then a lady came out and called me in. She took me in the room where they were going to help me. She was extremely nice. Her name was Ema Franco. She was the Dental Assistant for the dentist who was going to help me. She was a Latina and I thought that was



cool, because I felt more comfortable talking to her. After a while the dentist came in and his name was Dr. Alan Marx. He was a more experienced dentist. They then examined my tooth and were skeptical if they could fix it, but the dentist with slight hesitation said he could fix it. Then, they got in contact with Amas and spoke with him and told him the amount that that it would cost to fix my tooth and started fixing my tooth. It has been a while since I had a dental checkup. I would have to say over five years, and usually I would have hated going to the dentist, but this time was different. This dentist and his assistant were just awesome. They got along so well, and dentist Marx would just keep saying sarcastic jokes. Even though I had something opening my mouth the whole time, I was smiling most of it, because of the dentist and his assistant. It was the first time I've ever had a good dental experience. After



they fixed my tooth, the dentist asked me to smile at him and looked at me and pondered for a bit. Then he asked me again, “When are you leaving?” and I replied, “August 2nd” he then said the coolest thing to me. He said, “You know what? I can’t let your boss be the only good guy. Come back in on Monday and ill fix the rest of your teeth for free, and tell your boss that he can send anyone here and we’ll take care of them.” I was shocked. First Amas does this amazing thing for me and pays to fix my tooth, but this dentist who has no affiliation with me wanted to help me. I then accepted the fact that people want to help you. Yes, there are people that are mean and cruel, but there are good people out there, and I’m going to be one of them.



The weekend came. It was our last weekend in DC. So we decided to be as touristy as possible, for who knew when we would have to opportunity to see all the monuments and museums again.

There was two things Gabe, Elizabeth, and I had to do before we left and that was go to the Holocaust Museum and go to the top of the Washington Monument. We had to wake up at 5:30 AM to get on line by 6:00

AM so we could get tickets. We had to wait a couple hours for the ticket booth to open. We were glad we sacrificed some sleep to go early, because the line gets really long. When you’re on top of the monument there is a mini museum and you can learn some pretty interesting facts about the monument and you also get an amazing view of the city. After we walked over to the Holocaust Museum, and all I have to say about this museum is that you have to see this one, and I honestly am not a fan of museums. After we went back to the dorms and later went for one last monument walk.

