

Don't We All Hate Goodbyes

Week 8 has been a success. It was my last week of being in the office, but it was also the last week of our Chief of Staff Connie Humphrey. Connie has worked as the Chief of Staff under Congressman Ruben Hinojosa for about 14 and half years. It was an emotional week for the office. We had a farewell party within the office, but we also had a farewell party where others were invited. Unfortunately I was not able to make it to the second one, due to having a meeting with CHCI.

My last day in the office was on Thursday and I was offered a private tour in the Capitol building from the Legislative Correspondence Faith Williams. This will forever be an unforgettable moment.

I am sad to say the my time in Washington DC is over, but like the quote says "all good things must come to an end at some point." Leaving back home is a bittersweet feeling. I am happy because I can now go home with an accomplished state of mind. Let's be honest, who can say that they have been an intern on the hill, and had the internship paid for? Not very many individuals get this opportunity and for this I am very thankful and blessed. Another positive for leaving is that I finally get to return home to my family. I have not seen this in about 8 weeks, and the last time I saw them was for about four hours. I am an individual who is family oriented, so being away from home has been some what difficult, considering that I have not seen them in what seems to feel like centuries ago.

The negatives about leaving back home, is that I now have to return to my real world. Being here in Washington DC has made me feel, that I have been trapped in a new world where everything is different. I am living in the center of our nations capital, everyone always seems to be dressed up in suites and professional attires, there seems to be no farm work what so ever, and I'm an intern in one of the most powerful buildings in the world. Recently the CHCI Programs Department Vice President William Gil reminded the interns and I that we have been in the most powerful building in the world for about eight weeks. I knew that I was in a very powerful building, but hearing it from William Gil, really helped me ensure that I truly was in the most powerful building in the world.

Another negative I am encountering is having to say goodbye to the other interns. I hope this is not a goodbye, but a till next time type of goodbye. I have made good friendships with all of them, but I will say that Gus and I really connected in a brotherly way. It is a special feeling to have when we made this type of brotherhood within each other in just eight weeks. I hope to visit Gus and the rest of the interns sometime in the near future. It was a great journey to experience with them, and making all the fun memories is something we can all share together forever.

Now I want to take this last bit of time and thank the HEP/CAMP and CHCI for making this dream possible. The two programs really are making a difference in assisting students from across the nation. None of what I have experienced in the last eight weeks would have ever been possible without the two programs. Again thank you, and I hope internships like this will go on in assisting many other students in the future.



