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Journal #3

There has not been a day that goes by that I do not meet new people in the office. All of the people here are so friendly, and I love meeting new people so it works out great! ☺ So our third week here flew by! I wish I could stop time and enjoy DC even more because there is so much to do, but so little time in the day.

Our week started off amazing (nothing rare). One of the ladies from the Office of Migrant Education got all of the intern's tickets to attend the US Presidential Scholar's concert. I was so excited because it was going to be in the Kennedy Center and I had been told it was a really nice and fancy place. I was going to go in my work clothes since I was dressed professional, but somehow I brought up the fact that I was going to my coworker and she told me how she had bought a new dress and how fancy it was going to be. This scared me because I was just going to go in slacks, but as soon as I got out of work I rushed to my dorm to get ready since my coworker really paranoid me. The other inters and I walked there since it was fairly close to our dorms, and yes it was such a fancy place. As you walked in you could see huge flags hanging on both sides, they had a flag for every country (I think). Most of the walls had huge mirrors, and really nice big chandeliers hung from the ceiling.

The performances were beyond amazing! The presenters were all really good. It was a great to start the wee

On Tuesday, our department took us on a tour to the Capital. The walk was about thirty minutes and it was super-hot outside so when we arrived to the capital I was drenched in sweat, and I'm not going to lie I was a bit mad. Once the tour began I realized it was totally worth the walk. Inside the capital there were huge statues and paintings all over.



On Wednesday two other interns and I went to the 53rd Annual Congressional Baseball Game, so the Democrats vs. Republicans played. I am not into sports at all and I don't understand what goes on, but it was really cool cheering on the democrats and seeing them win 😊 After the game we decided to stop by a store. The weather was fine when we got in, but when we were about to leave it began to pour. Literally pour!! Since I had not umbrella I had no other option but to run to my dorm, since we were only a couple blocks away. The thing is... I didn't really know how to get back to my dorm so I just ran, and kept running until I saw some people. I WAS GOING THE WRONG WAY! By this time I was completely soaked. My shoes even made a squeaky sound from the water in them. Although I got soaked, I kind of liked it. It reminded me of Oregon.



On Friday after CHCI we attended Jazz in the Park. It was an event where they played music and people laid blankets all around and ate. It was nice because I got to see some familiar faces, like Laura Galindo 😊

On Saturday we woke up nice and early because Dr. Lisa Ramirez invited us to go paddle boating. I was so excited that I couldn't even sleep the night before, but woke up extremely eager to go. I didn't quite know what paddle boating was, but I thought it included a boat. But when we got there, paddle boating was like surfing, so uh-uh I was not about to do that because I have absolutely no balance. Samantha and I decided to go canoeing instead. It was such a beautiful place so at time we would stop paddling and just admire everything. I felt extremely blessed that Dr. Ramirez went out of her way, picked us up and took us there. I felt honored. Once we were done, Dr. Ramirez took us to her house and her family barbequed for us. They were extremely welcoming and nice. We got to talk and share some laughs, it was nice to know that regardless of all of her success, she is still so humble, selfless, kind, and many other things! I am so grateful that she opened her home to us without even really knowing us. She is amazing!

I had also wanted to read her book, and when we were in her house she gave us all autographed books! Ahhhh! It was really cool! I felt like I was next to the president. On the way back from her house I read like half of her book! And now I finished it 😊 I definitely recommend it! It made me look up to her even more. Its called Dulcified and you can go to: <http://www.olive13paloma.com> to order your copy. It is sooooo worth it!