

The New World

If someone would have told me a year ago that I was going to be in our nation's capital for a paid internship, I would have never believed them. An opportunity like this would have never crossed my mind. I am a fortunate individual who was given an opportunity that many dream of. I have been here for a week and already have some great experiences that were only made possible through this wonderful opportunity.



To start off I have never been to our nation's capital, and to hear that I will be here for eight weeks is really exciting. It is a wonderful city with so much history. Let's just say, if I'm not working I am touring. I feel like there is so much to do, and so much to learn. I will be doing much of this learning and touring with my roommate Gustavo and the rest of the interns, Aileen, Perla, Anabella, and Magali. They are all great students and great people in general. We all come from different places, have different stories, but come from similar backgrounds. We are all Migrant students with common goals and admirations. They remind me so much of the students in my CAMP family at Eastern Washington University. I have been with them for less than a week and already feel like I have made some lifelong friends.

One memory that I will always have to myself because I experienced this on my own was flying on an airplane, before Washington D.C. I had never been in on a plane and did not know what to expect. I will say that I was scared at first, but then I quickly realized that it was not so bad after all. The airports were big and confusing at first, but reading the signs helped guide me to the next gate. I now feel like a professional in an airport and feel like I can travel anywhere by plane. An obstacle I faced while being in Washington D.C. is learning how to use the metro train. I come from a small town in the state of Washington by the name of Prosser. Therefore I have not been exposed to this type of transportation. At first it was really confusing knowing which stop to get off on, or knowing which train to use depending on its destination point.



Being here for the first few days we walked many miles just touring the city and getting comfortable with one another. The White House was a big beautiful house that I cannot wait to see from the inside. This city is full of history and many important buildings where work gets done. This work is seen in our communities, and to know that I am at this wonderful city and that I will be working in one of the buildings that have such a big effect on so many communities is very special.

I will get the first-hand experience of getting to see how this all works.



None of this would have been possible without the help of Patrick Doone, or like we like to call him “Coach Pete.” He taught us how to use the metro and showed us around the city. I can honestly say I have not gotten lost since I have been here. I know my way around the city and feel comfortable knowing the fact that I won’t get lost. There is much more for me to learn than just getting around the city and using the metro. I am eager to start work next Monday in The Office of Congressman Ruben Hinojosa. This will be my first job working in any type of office and my first job that I will be staying indoors for the majority of the time. It’s going to be a great experience and I cannot wait to make the most out of it.

