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Week One (June 10, 2017 - June 18, 2017)

The opportunity of a lifetime is the only way I can describe this trip so far. However, my Journey to this amazing place started in January when I decided to apply for what I only knew as a paid internship in DC. After weeks of correcting my essay and finally submitting my application, I then received an Email. The Email's subject line read "2017DC internship," the email was the first of many that came after.

At 3 am on June 10th. I woke up and was driven to Sacramento INTL. Airport, there was a huge line to get through security and I was terrified I would not get through in time. Thankfully, I went through it in time and as I walked to my gate, the flight attendants announced we could begin boarding the plane. I landed at LAX and ran to get onto my next flight which would take me to my final destination, Washington DC! As soon as my plane touched the ground I received a call from Patrick Doone.

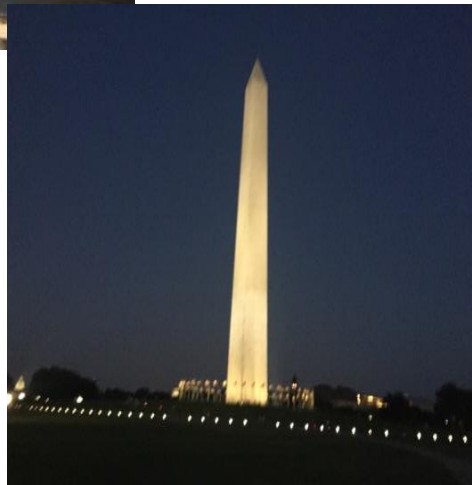


What I didn't know in that moment was the impact Mr. Doone would have in my life in only a week. After we all finally gathered at the Ronald Reagan Washington National Airport,

we took a shuttle to the George Washington International House. The GWI House, will be our home during our time in DC. After settling in we went for dinner with Patrick. After dinner we walked over to the White House. To finally be in front of the White House felt like a surreal moment.



The next day, Sunday, we got used to using the Metro. We also went to Walmart and bought some groceries for the week. Monday morning orientation with CHCI began. The week was very informative and I learned things I didn't even know I wanted to know. I came to the conclusion that my vote does really matter, and I can create



change by voicing my opinion.

*Throughout the week we walked and even ran around DC.*

Friday was a little different. We had breakfast with Irene Bueno and the United Farm Workers Association. Throughout the meeting we touched on many important topics to all of us CAMP students. We all at one time or another had or still have parents working in the fields. After the meeting we then left to Capitol Hill (Capitol Hill is where the Senate and House of Representatives offices are located). After many meeting in Congresswoman/Congressman

offices to meet the supervisors of my fellow interns, we finally walked over to the Department of Education, which is where I will be working.

I met Emmanuel Caudillo who will be my supervisor and the other interns at the White House Initiative on Educational Excellence for Hispanics. The meeting made me even more excited about my next few weeks in DC. I also shared why education has been so important in my life, and how thankful I am for being able to have this opportunity.

Friday was also a very sad day. Patrick would be leaving Saturday Morning, and we had to say our goodbyes. After visiting the Smithsonian American Art Museum and having dinner in Chinatown we all thanked and said goodbye to him. Throughout the week he was extremely



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Saturday, we went to the Capitol to take the pictures with the CHCI group.



Sunday, we went to the Zoo!

