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*Washington State University*  
Congresswoman Michelle Lujan Grisham

**Day 8: Saturday, June 17<sup>th</sup>**

It was the first time without our amazing intern coordinator Patrick but I was excited to continue with my internship experience. I was looking forward to taking our professional pictures until the humid D.C. weather kicked in. Before it was my turn to take a picture my hair and makeup was a mess. After, pictures I went home and showered. Then a few of the other interns and I explored Georgetown. It was beautiful, people were sharing their talents as we walked and the views were amazing. Then we went to Virginia and hung out with the other CHCI (Congressional Hispanic Caucus Institute) interns.



**Day 9: Sunday, June 18<sup>th</sup>**



I had so much fun at the Zoo! Although it was the second time I have been to a Zoo, this time was nothing like the last one I went to. It was free and had a bigger variety of animals. After the zoo, we went to Walmart and did some grocery shopping. Once I got home, I prepped lunch for my first week of work.



**Day 10: Monday, June 19<sup>th</sup>**

Oh, my goodness I could not believe that it was my first day in the office and I even rode the metro all by myself. I was very happy to be interning with a congresswoman. On my first day, I briefly learned how to do a variety of different tasks including, press clips, schedule tours, constituent responses, IQ batching, and answering phone calls. After work, I went out to dinner with Lisa Ramirez, the Director of the Office of Migrant Education and School Support and Rural Programs. We concluded the night by watching the presidential scholar's performance at the Kennedy center.



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**Day 11: Tuesday, June 20<sup>th</sup>**

I felt a lot less nervous throughout my second day. My supervisor invited me to grab coffee first thing in the morning and I had the opportunity to get to know her. Then, I attend a training on how to give Capitol Hill Tours and I even saw the U.S Vice President, Mike Pence! I enjoyed the training and I loved the tours. After work, I got on the wrong metro. It was funny because I did not check the map and just got on. Luckily, the metro's routes are posted and I was able to figure it out.



**Day 12: Wednesday, June 21<sup>st</sup>**

I think I was very fortunate to be placed in the office of House Representative Michelle Lujan Grisham. The interns are friendly and the staff is easygoing. I was pleased to finally meet the congresswoman. She has an amazing personality! Everyone in the office bought matching t-shirts and we went to the congressional softball game and cheered on our congresswomen. The softball game was to fundraise money for breast cancer research and congresswomen played versus the press.

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**Day 13: Thursday, June 22<sup>nd</sup>**

After socializing outside of the office environment, I felt more comfortable. I finally began to feel more confident performing my tasks. I was asked by a staffer to attend my first briefing. I was extremely happy for this experience and the opportunity to write my first memo. After work, I attended the rock & roll reception in Capitol Hill. Afterwards, I met up with a friend from my university in Virginia.



**Day 14: Friday, June 23<sup>rd</sup>**

Just like everyone else, I looked forward to Fridays. Not only because on Fridays we receive training through CHCI but also because I was excited to hear the experiences of the other interns in my cohort. At the CHCI, we received leadership and writing training, which I knew I could put into practice throughout my internship. Later that afternoon some of the HEP/CAMP interns gathered with the other interns to get to know each other and exchange some of our experiences thus far.