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**Day Twenty-Two: Saturday, July 1**

If someone would have told me that I'd casually be spending my Saturday morning at the Holocaust Museum I would have never believed them. I remember talking about it in my history class and thinking "Why can't we go visit it?" After visiting the museum, I felt like I could never see the world the same. It was definitely a life changing experience. Touring the museum was followed by lunch at Buffalo Wild Wings; Lupita's favorite place to eat back home. Later that day we hung out with other CHCI interns and celebrate Kayleigh for being awesome.

**Day Twenty-Three: Sunday, July 2**

Sunday, Oh my goodness! I went to Bachata Brunch and it was truly a wonderful experience. My hometown in Washington is not very diverse and by coming to DC, I have been able to see so much more within the Latino community. Brunch was amazing and the people were even better. A lot of them were great dancers and came from various parts of the world and backgrounds. A few of us gathered to write our journals but before we knew it, we had started a Karaoke night.



**Day Twenty-Four: Monday, July 3**

I started my morning by going Kayaking. Kayaking was very peaceful and gave me an opportunity to reflect (I might have found a new hobby). The thought of being somewhere I would have never expected to be was both exciting and overwhelming. After having lunch at Chick-Fil-A for the first time ever, I went to Georgetown with a great group of interns.

**Day Twenty-Five: Tuesday, July 4**

I was very excited to be spending my fourth of July in our Nation's Capital. What a better way to do it other than watching the Parade. We were also invited to a BBQ by the CHCI folks and participated in the traditional BBQ that is part of the July 4 celebration. Next, we went to the Capitol, attended a concert and watched the fireworks. It was such a memorable day. I honestly wanted to FaceTime my family and show them the whole thing.



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**Day Twenty-Six: Wednesday, July 5**

Although I have been giving tours for a while now, I gave another one but this time it was different. My supervisor was very kind to allow me give a tour to interns from the U.S Department of Education. Two of them are HEP/CAMP interns. I was able to share with them what I've been doing and practice giving a tour of the Capitol. After work, we had Dinner at a Mexican Restaurant with a few CHCI interns. I am really going to miss all the people I have gotten close to.

**Day Twenty-Seven: Thursday, July 6<sup>th</sup>**

I love the office more and more every day! The staff is amazing and invited me to go play basketball with them. After work, I went to a CHSA (Congressional Hispanic Staff Association) meeting. I had to leave early to attend a dinner. Tara (Jose's supervisor – another intern) blessed us by treating us to a good evening. Not only did she make dinner for us but she also had dessert and played board games with us. This night was by far one of my favorites in DC. She made me feel important and cared for. I promise I will host interns/ other youth at my house once I have a career. I will never forget how kind Tara was to me.

**Day Twenty-Eight: Friday, July 7<sup>th</sup>**

Another fun day with CHCI, something that I definitely do enjoy! We started at the OAS (Organization of American States) where my passion for international relations showed! I thought the facility was beautiful but more so the work that occurred. They shared that for every meeting, there is translator in English, Spanish, French and Portuguese. This is so that representatives whose English is not their primary language can also participate in the discussion.

