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Week #4

This past week was a little different in that it went by very slowly. As one of my co-workers put it, “it was the calm before the storm.” A calm that was happening because of the recess in the Senate and the House side. Additionally, Independence Day was this past week, and it was incredible to experience the Fourth of July in our nation’s capital.

To begin the week, a fellow HEP/CAMP intern and myself explored a new area of Virginia and splurged a little with some shopping. It was really nice to find stores that are back home, such as Ross and Dollar Tree. I reminded me of home and gave me a sense of comfort in knowing that I would soon return to my familiar grounds. With deeper thinking, I also realized how excited I was to go back to school and modify my track to fit the career I am now pursuing. I am also so excited that I will not have to transfer from OSU for my undergraduate studies. I have come to love my university and knowing that I do not have to leave, I realize that I can continue to contribute and grow in the OSU community.



Tuesday, Independence Day, was a wonderful experience. I attended the parade with the other HEP/CAMP interns and I really enjoyed watching the diversity of those who made up the parade. The heat was quite unbearable though, and we ended up leaving an hour early. After a few hours of relaxing and cooling off, we headed up to a burger restaurant because what is more patriotic than burgers? Especially a more than a bacon cheeseburger? Upon finishing our patriotic food, we headed to the National Mall and scored great seats to watch the fireworks. They only lasted about twenty minutes, but they were the biggest, most beautiful fireworks I have ever seen.



As my week continued, it was very slow and uneventful, but it did come with exciting news. My boyfriend decided to surprise me and is visiting for the week! I am incredibly blessed to be able to experience D.C. with him since I can't have that with my family. I really feel like it will give me the push I need to finish strongly. With four more weeks to go, I feel like time has flown by. I have accomplished so much in such little time, but I still have more to accomplish. I will finish strongly.

