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Week 5

This week was amazing! Having family here to visit made this experience so much better than I could have ever imagined. I got to experience new things in and out of the office. From shadowing the Senator to ziplining through Virginia, I have made incredible memories.



My week began very slowly. I did not have much to do on Monday, but anxiously wait for my boyfriend and his parents to get here, or at least I thought so. Half way through the work day, I was assigned a new project. A project that would prove to be a challenge. I was unable to complete it by the deadline because I was not understanding what they were looking for, but I am fortunate enough that my office is really understanding. The project supervisor made sure to provide me with all the tools necessary to succeed in the project and even gave me extra time. Besides the project, I had an even more exciting time during my shadow day with the Senator. I came to find him to be so humble and kind. He taught me so much and was constantly trying to make me feel included. I am beyond grateful for that opportunity that him and his staff provided me with. It is especially significant to me because of the change of heart I had towards my future career. A career in immigration law that I am still, and now even more, seriously career.



Outside of the office, I had a busy week. With my boyfriend and his parents visiting, I had some long nights awaiting me after each work day. Mostly because that was the only time I was able to see his parents as they left on Friday afternoon. While they were here, we visited the National Monuments and Mall at night, tried new foods, and visited local shops. On Wednesday however, I was lucky enough to give them a tour of the capital and it was so much fun. I came to learn that Casey, my boyfriend, was as tall as George Washington! After his parents left was when the more adventurous things happened since I had all day to go out. Aside from the adventures though, it was nice having Casey cook for me. Being the terrible cook that I am, I had decent meals during this week, and I could not have been happier. Additionally, not having to spend all of my evenings alone, due to not having a roommate, was really nice. Some of the things that we did this week included: going on a bike ride late at night, going to Six Flags America, bungee jumping, going to Dave & Buster's for the first time, being caught in a thunder storm and being drenched, completing an obstacle course in mid-air, ziplining through Virginia, going to the Botanic Garden, and going laser tagging for the first time. We also met incredible people who taught us a lot about the area of D.C., Maryland, and Virginia, which is apparently known as D.M.V.



Casey has always pushed me out of my comfort zone. He pushes me to be a better person every day. Throughout this experience, no matter how scared and intimidated I may have gotten, he has convinced me to push through. After his visitation, I feel reenergized and ready to tackle anything that may come my way. He constantly reminds me of where my family and I are, and where we need to be. I am so appreciative of him, my family, and this opportunity. It is the kind of gratitude that cannot be explained in words. Simply, I have no words to explain how blessed and happy I am in this moment.

