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Week Five- Time Is Going by Too Fast!

I cannot believe that I am halfway through my internship. Time has gone by too fast. I still feel like I arrived yesterday and Patrick was introducing us to the ins and outs of Washington D.C. This week, was nothing like our first one. The interns and I decided that this week would be the first time that we did not go out on an adventure instead we enjoyed time to ourselves. The last four weeks have consisted of long hours of exploring and attending events that I have had little to no time to myself. During the week, I made time to sit down and FaceTime with my family and catch up on some overdue home chores. Lately, I have impressed myself with my cooking skills that have improved so much during my time in D.C.



I know how to cook now!

Saturday night was the only night that a few of us decided to go out for some fun. We went to ShadowLand to play laser tag against each other and it was so much fun to chase each other and allow the competitiveness within come out against one another. After laser tag, we tried the laser maze. I was the first one to attempt getting across. The first try was not the best, but I improved my second time around. We also enjoyed some arcade section fun. I quickly realized that I am not very good at playing arcade games. This type of fun is unusual for me making this a sweet and interesting experience. I did not allow my bad arcade skills to stop me because I was having too much fun no matter how horrible my scores. At the end, I was surprised to discover that arcade games give you tickets based on your score. Quickly, I took my 90 tickets to get my prize. The only thing I could afford with my 90 tickets were some erasers. After our Shadowland adventure, we were very hungry and chose to have some dinner at IHOP. We ate breakfast food for dinner, pancakes, eggs, bacon, and much more.



I love nights like these!

Work has been amazing. This week, I had the opportunity to attend an immigration hearing titled, “Examining the Problem of Visa Overstays: A Need for Better Tracking and Accountability”. I learned so much knowledge from the information presented by the speakers. Immigration is a very sensitive topic to me because my family has been impacted by this issue in so many ways. Receiving information about a topic that has affected my family, was very beneficial. It provided me a better perspective about what I want to do with my future career. I am working hard to achieve my dreams to be able to help my family and community.

This week I began a project in the office. I decided to organize the mailroom into more efficient categories that should facilitate the influx of constituent correspondence. This would help alleviate the time it takes to separate the mail into issues. Currently mail is received twice a day. The amount of mail received varies on a daily basis. I assumed that this project would be a quick day or two, but I was wrong. Now, I hope to finish organizing all of the email into different departments this upcoming week. So far, the massive project is looking great! The staff responsible for the mailroom are pleased with my work thus far. I have learned that it is imperative that constituent’s mail arrive on a timely fashion, is acknowledged and replied to as soon as possible.



Just a girl who is determined to conquer the world and who is desperate to help the Latino community