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Many things happened this week. I finally finished my first year of college. Also, I had a full week of work and we visited some museums during the weekend. My highlight of the week was going to a Diversity and Opportunity session. I had the great opportunity to listen to the Secretary of Education and the Secretary of Housing and Urban Development. It was an honor being in the session where three departments are coming together for a common goal, which is to provide a good environment for students and families to flourish. They both gave amazing speeches as to why is important to have communities that are diverse in order to flourish and have a promising future. Also, I went to another meeting on educational diversity with staff from the Department of



Education and the meeting was an amazing experience. Being part of the White House Initiative is being part of a department that is making changes across the country. On Friday programming with the CHCI was amazing. I truly enjoyed being in the OCC and learning how to budget money and how to create and maintain a good credit score. Later in the day, we went to PBS and met wonderful people. Their stories are truly amazing and empowering. Juan Sepulveda is humble and down to earth, and such an amazing person. Also, they gave us a bunch of goodies to take home, which was also a plus.

This weekend I felt so productive, we visited three museums! Which has been more than the last three weekends. We visited the National Archives Museum



where we saw the Constitution and the Bill of Rights among other important documents. Afterwards we saw the National Museum of Natural History. It was so impressive! The way we looked hundreds of years ago was very hairy, our brains were like 1/3 of what they are now and our size was the size of a toddler. The whole museum was impressive. On Sunday, we went to the National Museum of the American Indian, and I had a

great time. There was history of almost every native tribe in the Americas. They had history from tribes in South America, of the Incas; I also thought it was nice that they had Spanish in the descriptions. All of the traditions and the different tribes were thrilling to see, and the most amazing part was that there was events throughout this weekend. One of which was dancing, and so in the final dance they

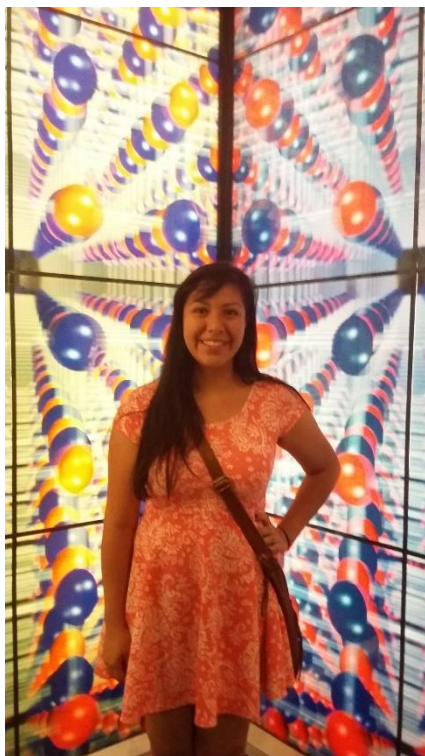
asked people to join them. Jose went, and then Monse and I joined later. It was way out of my comfort zone, but I had a great time. Finally, we went to Columbia Heights to try the famous pupusas from El Salvador, they were amazing.

One thing that I keep thinking while being in the museums and looking at all the amazing things in there was that I wished my mother would be able to see it. My parents have sacrificed so much, they left their homeland, tried to assimilate to a new culture, and it has all been for a better and brighter future for me. I do not think that even they ever thought about having their daughter being an intern in DC. Here I am, breaking all of the statistics,

becoming a leader that will come back to my community and give back what I have had the privilege to learn and see.



The Mayan calendar



During chemistry lecture my professor mentioned how carbons are all attached together in the formation of a diamond, it was cool seeing it firsthand.
