

## Anabella Week #7

This week by far was eventful and very exciting. We were able to get a tour of the White House and also meet with Roberto Rodriguez, Special Assistant to the President for Education Policy and Julie Rodriguez, Deputy Director of the White House Office of Public Engagement. At the meeting, the other interns and I were able to share our stories with them and say what our future plans consist of. The interns bid our farewells to Irene and her team, and that's when I realized that our days here in D.C are counted. Thank you Irene for working with us!



We were also able to go to New York for the weekend and explored as much as we could. We were lost most of the time but it was a great bonding experience. I learned so much about my roommates and we also ate some delicious food! We visited Wall Street...well walked around Wall Street, took a ferry to the Statue of Liberty, but we didn't actually visit the statue. All of us went into the 911 Memorial Museum and afterwards visited the new World Trade Center where the view was splendid! We hiked to the Brooklyn Bridge but not before we explored Chinatown and enjoyed a little bit of Central Park. All in all, New York was a great experience!

As my last week approaches, I'm starting to think about how far I have come. When I first started my internship at Senator Merkley's office, I had no clue about what I was supposed to be doing. I didn't know the first thing about politics. Well maybe just a little but not enough. I've come to learn what an amazing opportunity this is! I got to travel

and learn new things, and never in my wildest dreams did I ever imagine working for a senator. The thought of sitting in an office, doing policy research, running to get the signature of other representatives, reading & answering constituent mail, and living in Washington D.C never crossed my mind. I'm just feeling so grateful for this opportunity.





