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“Surround yourself with people better than you because you will try harder” I decided to start with this quote because I really believe in it. My first assignment in the office of Migrant Education was to interview everybody in the office. This week I finish doing all the interviews and I had learned so much. Not only about the OME team, but about life throughout their stories. Lisa Gillette told me that advice and I had been in my mind every day since she said it. I have learn so much during this internship, but one of the most important things is to but myself out in the world and show who I am and what I can give. This to me used to be really scary because I felt very intimidated, but after Lisa said this to me, I see it as putting myself out there to become a better person. I work with a wonderful team that spoils me too much. Nata and Steve took me and the Araceli to breakfast and we chatted about our schools and dreams about the future. It’s crazy to me how much they believe in us. They definitely make me believe more in myself. Also Edwards wanted us to try African food. During lunch he headed to the African restaurant, but it was closed. I have to say that I am a little scared to try new food and since I got to D.C. I had

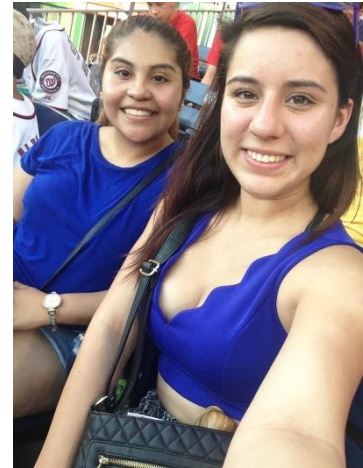
been trying to eat different things. Since it was closed we went to an Ethiopian restaurant where I ordered drunken noodles. I absolutely loved them. They were spicy and delicious. Edwards has become one of my favorite people because he is always willing to help me in anything with a positive attitude, but most important he is always willing to teach me about anything I want to learn.



Since I was little I always wanted to watch a movie outside. On Monday, I got to opportunity to go to green screen to watch North by northwest. My friend Leslie and I took chips and Mexican candies to the park and enjoyed the movie. The view was so beautiful.

Right next to the screen you could see the Capitol Hill shining with all the lights at night. Also when we turned to the back we could see the Washington monument. This was one of my best days in D.C. it was so relaxing and simple. The weather was enjoyable and the people around us were very friendly. This was definitely and unforgeable night.

In my past journal I said that I would go to another baseball game and I definitely did. Magali and I went to see the Mets vs Nats. It was an amazing game. I was yelling so hard that I won a hat that they threw at me. I never thought baseball games could be so fun. I love the energy and how passionate everybody is about the game. I understand more now about the game, but I will just go with the flow. It was a night full of laughs and I just have the best time when I hang out with Magaly. We also ate chicken tenders and fries. There is nothing better when you are watching at game.



My highlight of this week was once again going to the White House. This was my second tour in the White House and I got to enjoy it more. It was not that I was not excited because believe me the word excited it's not even close to how I felt. But, it's just that I took my time to watch and see everything carefully. I never wanted to leave the white house because it's just amazing to think that maybe, just maybe I am really close to where Mr. President is at that specific moment. We also had a chance to talk to Roberto Rodriguez, Special Assistant to the President of Education Policy and Julie Rodriguez, Deputy Director of the White House Office of Public Engagement. They were so welcoming. I felt very comfortable talking about my story and telling them my concerns. They are very important people and I am extremely grateful I have the opportunity to talk to them. It is very comforting knowing that people like them are so close to the president and know the struggle of all the migrant students are like I said before not even in my wildest dreams I thought I would be in Washington D.C. and talking to people that knows the president. But the best part about this visit is that they got helped us to rent the bowling alley at the white house. Yes, you did read this right. We all had an opportunity to play bowling at the White House. When I was there I felt like there was nothing in the world that I needed. I was so happy. Not many people get to say that they got to play bowling at the White House where past presidents bowled, laughed and hung out. I am one of the luckiest interns because I get to say that I played there. I will never forget this day.



This weekend was extremely fun. We got to go to New York. There are not words to describe New York because this city itself is another world. We left D.C. at 1.30 a.m. and got to New York at 5 a.m. We had a room reserved with Gustavo and Miguel. They got there a little earlier than us and checked in. Supposedly we had a two beds in the room, but when they got there was only one bed. When we arrived in New York, Gustavo and Miguel told us what was happening. Sadly, Anabella and I started calling the hotel, but they were all really expensive. Desperate, frustrated, and sad we went to the boy's hotel to leave our stuff. We planned on leaving that night after seeing Times Square. Once we got to the hotel I started talking to this man that was there. I told him what happened and he suggested us to go see if the hotel next to them had some rooms. I was surprise that he was telling us this because I didn't see a hotel when I passed by. But there was one, they just didn't have signs. We went and they had only one room left and luckily we only had to pay 20\$. Everything was finally working out. We went to visit the Brooklyn Bridge, the Statue of liberty, Wall Street, Broadway, the 9/11 Monuments and Museum, the World Trade Center, Chinatown, and Little Italy. I never thought I would have the chance to go to New York, but thanks to this internship I have got the opportunity to do things I never imagined.



There's only one more week left and I have to say I am very sad to leave D.C. but I am excited as well and ready to finish strong.