

Week 1

The first week of being in Washington DC has been an emotional rollercoaster. As I got to the airport, my mind was flooded with excitement and anxiousness. When I landed, I met Patrick. Patrick was so kind and caring. I really appreciated everything he has done for us interns. It was very nice meeting someone who truly cares about you on the first day being somewhere so foreign. The other interns were amazing. The ability to relate with your peers on a level which is beyond superficial is rare and precious. Like me, they have endured challenges. They understand what it truly means to be a CAMP student. I wouldn't want to experience this summer with another group people, so quickly they received the title of great friends.



Settling in was a fun process, which included metro rides and meaningful conversations about our stories and lives. I love being around people who value their education and want to achieve such great things. Our aspirations created a beautiful picture of change in my mind. A new generation of Latinx students ready to strive. So here we are, Latinx interns, in Washington DC ready to conquer what the dominant society has labeled as impossible. I could never be prouder to be apart of such an impeccable experience.

This week specifically was full of learning. Aside from interning, we get to be a part of the Congressional Hispanic Caucus Institute program. This week I was able to learn so much from CHCI and it has only been orientation. From passionate keynote speakers, to networking, and just simply learning how to be a successful individual, I feel blessed to have gained so much knowledge from a plethora of individuals that share my background. The CHCI interns are amazing students as well, I know that my connection with them will also blossom into great friendships.



Throughout the week, I wished I could record every word of wisdom I received. All the advice and tips I have been told are priceless. I was able to meet exceptional people fighting to create better days for the Latinx community.

I am so excited to be a sponge this summer. I want to absorb everything I learn. I want to explore this beautiful city more and more. I want to continue to meet life changing individuals. I start interning very soon and I am nervous, but that is okay because I know no matter what this will be an unforgettable experience with unforgettable people.