

Week 5

Independence week was one for the books. It was such an eventful week full of joyful events and American pride. I learned a lot this week about myself and about those who are around me. I can honestly say that this week by far has been the most exciting. Being able to witness a Fourth of July in the nation's capital has always been something that I have wanted to experience. Scratching that off my bucket list made me realize that with time, I will accomplish everything that I want to experience.

At the start of the week, I was assigned a very important project for the White House Initiative. The project revolves around the importance of Hispanic education and looking at its progressive side. To have the opportunity to work on a task that is so important and that will be submitted to the White House officials is incredible. It's easy to forget that the work we do is very important and will influence the educational opportunities for Hispanics. Being a contributor to this effort makes me feel very excited. I will not have to spectate from the sidelines anymore because through this internship I now have the ability to be able to work effectively as part of the team that produces valuable content for my community to benefit.

As the week progressed, the 4th of July was upon us. Almost all of the interns in DC had the day off and everyone was happy to have some time to relax. That day, I slept in a little bit but not too long as I needed to get ready for the parade. I walked from George Washington University to the national mall. Tons of people were gathered from all parts of the United States and were displaying the colors of the American flag. Red, white and blue. In my local town, 4th of July is something that is not celebrated as much as other National Holidays but seeing the parade of people and the amazing music makes me want to experience this again.

The day flew by quick and soon my friends and I began to prepare for the firework display at the National Mall. Some of us had agreed that we should go to the National Mall and watch the display from that area. I also had an invitation to watch the fireworks from a rooftop party and could have invited anyone I wanted. The view was spectacular, and I can honestly say it was the best view from the National Mall and the best firework display. I laid back, enjoyed a couple of pizzas, and then called it a day.

The following day at work felt like the second Monday of the week. It was a day full of work and we all had to finish things that we left pending the day before the 4th. Later that day, I received an email from Shell advising that I had just been sponsored for the UnidosUS conference that is to take place on the weekend. I was given just enough time for me to do my research on who would be presenting at the UnidosUS conference.



Overall, the workshop was as exciting as I had imagined. It was a great way to close the week. I found myself being filled with insightful knowledge and meeting a range of high positioned people, from CEOs to presidents of organizations. I was sure to take note of their advice and the resources they had to offer. The conference was filled with so many Latinx activists, entrepreneurs, and business people. A room full of so many people that look like me reminds me that although the opportunities for our Latinx people are more difficult to come across, they are still attainable.

