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In the second week of the internship, we decreased the amount of time spent in CHCI sessions to only two days, Mondays and Wednesdays, each for three-hour sessions. On Monday, we take a course from GWU with our professor, Dr. Nancy Y. Augustine who introduces us to the U.S. government and politics. In the first class, the lesson revolved around passing a bill. We were given a bill and then split into groups that represented an existing organization that already had a set view on the bill. Based on the information on the bill and organizations that were represented, some groups argued in favor of passing the bill to the committee, another group argued against the bill to the committee, and others represented the committee. The group that represented the committee, listened, asked questions, and at the end decided on the fate of the bill. I really enjoyed the lesson because it definitely got me out of my comfort zone, and I learned a lot from it.

In the second CHCI session of the week, we explored our values and our identities. We took part in an exercise that made us really consider what our values were, which values were most important to us, and the reason we had those values. We also reflected upon our identity and all the different aspects that play a part of it. I enjoyed this session as well because it really allowed me to reflect upon myself. I was also able to talk to other interns in my CHCI cohort about what I reflected on as well listen to their own values. It gave me the opportunity to get to know them more and I also found myself relating to a lot of what they were saying.

In addition to the three-hour CHCI sessions I have on Mondays and Wednesdays, I began working for my internship placement at League of United Latin American Citizens (LULAC). My days have definitely become a lot busier now that I have the extra responsibility. My first meeting with LULAC was on Tuesday and I got to meet the rest of the interns as well as some of the LULAC staff. I didn't work as much this week in my placement as I regularly will because I had some technological issues which can be expected when doing a virtual internship. After everything was resolved, I was able to start on some internship work. I've learned the responsibilities that come with the internship and I am gradually learning how to handle them and I'm positive I'll be able to figure everything out by the end of next week.

Overall, much like the first week, the second week went great! I've settled into a routine that allows me to get ready for the day and be productive. I'm excited for the next eight weeks and can't wait to keep on learning more about each organization I'm able to be a part of this summer.