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Program: *California State University, Sacramento*

Placement: *The Office of Representative Jimmy Panetta – CA*

Journal Entry – Week 1

My name is Angelina Zamudio-Cabrera. My pronouns are she, her, hers and ella. I am rising sophomore at California State University, Sacramento majoring in Spanish. As I sit on my bed drinking a cup of coffee, I still cannot believe I was selected to participate in the National HEP/CAMP Association internship and to be part of the Congressional Hispanic Caucus Institute (CHCI). My first week with CHCI Training was definitely a meaningful and helpful experience. During this training, I was able to meet the Cohort and the rest of the 33 interns. Six of them are part of the National HEP/CAMP Association and the other 27 are part of CHCI. During this week, I made strong connections that I know will continue to grow throughout the 10 weeks we will be working together. Additionally, I was amazed to see students coming together from all over the country, which makes this experience an even better one.

Wednesday-----

Wednesday was definitely a journey. At the end of training, I was able to learn about all interns with a show and tell activity. This activity consisted of selecting an item and expressing our feelings behind the item we decided to bring. During these activities there was a ride of emotions, there were very interesting items, some funny, others inspirational, and others that were very emotional.

Friday-----

Friday morning, I woke up early waiting for a call from Rep. Jimmy Panetta's office. Unfortunately, the call was postponed for Monday morning. I am really hoping I am able to work

in that office not only because I want to help my own community but to possibly work at the office. My hope is to get a placement soon but so far my first week experience has been great and I can't wait for more these upcoming weeks.