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Program: *Heritage University*

Placement: *The United Farmworkers of America (UFW)*

Journal Entry – Week 3

Monday-----

I started my day with a meeting with my supervisor, Areli Arteaga, in which we talked about my assignments for the week. After my meeting, I read some information about “having a personal voice” and watched a couple of lectures about advocacy organizations to prepare for my programming class with Dr. Nancy Augustine.

Tuesday-----

Tuesday was a day of outreach. I was assigned to reach out to farmworkers and share the work that the organization has been doing to support them. I have been also trying to find agricultural workers who want to share their stories as farm workers. To end my day, I did some research about the Farm Workers Modernization Act.

Wednesday-----

I started my day reading about Afro-Latinidad to prepare myself for the following programming hours. At programming, I had the opportunity to learn about Afro-Latinidad and how racism and colorism have sustained prejudices that impact the Latinx community. I also had the opportunity to meet and hear from Nelson Cruz’ (Social Media & Digital Content Manager at the Congressional Hispanic Caucus Institute) story and learn about the work he does to fight bigotry, stand for social justice, and uplift the stories of under-served communities.

Thursday-----

Today I had the opportunity to participate in an informational event hosted by the United Farm Workers. At this event, I was able to share with agricultural workers more information about the Farm Workers Modernization Act. An act that we hope becomes a law so that agricultural workers in the U.S. are given a right to earn legal status through continued agricultural employment and contribution to the U.S. agricultural economy.



Friday-----

I started my day by conducting research for the UFW. Later that day, I attended the “White House Latino Stakeholders” virtual event to learn more information about the Child Tax Credit Plan and about what is currently being done to expand access to vaccines.