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Journal Entry – Week 7

Monday-----

I made sure to submit my News Dailies before I went to the luncheon hosted by Washington Apple Education Foundation. I was out of office after I turned in the News Dailies.

Tuesday-----

I have started working on our final presentation for the office. I will be presenting on my experience and my time in the office. Along with the presentation, I will be writing an exit memo. It is just a list of unfinished projects, a short summary of jobs and tasks, and what I learned during my time in the office. I am excited to present this next week because it has put it in perspective for me. I worked on many projects with the office and I didn't even reflect on them, until now. Today, I also looked for casework and answered phone calls.

Wednesday-----

Today, I worked on the News Dailies. There was not much to report on Raúl's side but everything else was interesting and good to know. One of my coworkers asked me to reach out to CHC members and flag legislation for them. I circled the email for 12 staff members but haven't heard back.

Thursday-----

Today, I am handling calls and looking for casework. I have a briefing at 1:00pm EST on The State of Immigration Detention. There was a powerful speaker who spoke on behalf of his experience in the ICE Detention Center. All he spoke about was just heartbreaking. It just came to show that the experience is inhumane and is traumatic. He said that you see grown men crying their eyes out as their kids get stripped away. Which is unacceptable. After the meeting, I went back to taking calls and looking for casework.

Friday-----

Today, I worked on the news dailies and made sure to hop on calls. I had to leave the office at 3:00pm EST due to travel.