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Program: *Heritage University*

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

Journal Entry – Week 6

Tuesday-----

I met congresswoman Veronica Escobar! I still cannot believe that I had the opportunity to meet such an incredible woman that fights to ensure every person is treated with dignity and respect. I was amazed to learn that she is the first woman elected to represent El Paso, Texas and one of the two Latinas in Congress. As a Latina that is trying to pursue an education that will help make positive impact amongst minorities, I cannot express it enough how big of a role model congresswoman Escobar is to me. Rep. Escobar is not only a woman from a minority group, she fights to positively impact her community. She and others like her should hold elected office!



Wednesday-----

I started my day by meeting with Micaela Razo, Director of Public Relations of Fiesta Foods. During our meeting, he offered me an internship in Fiesta Foods Social Media and Communications Department for the upcoming months. Later today, I met with the UFW staff to plan the outreach for the rest of the Farm Worker Week of Action. I am beyond excited to encourage and support farm workers to stand up for their rights and push for a legal status in the U.S. Before ending my day, I joined the weekly programming with CHCI. Today's programming

focused on building our confidence in public speaking which is one of the most vital forms of communication for career success.

Thursday-----

I started my day by reaching out to individuals to encourage them to participate in the Farm Workers Week of Action by sending an email to encourage their member of Congress to support a path forward for undocumented immigrants including farm workers. Later, I researched the Farm Workers Modernization Act and uploaded my research findings to a document. After researching, I moved on to my assignments for class with Dr. Augustine. Lastly, I met with Sasha Frausto, CHCI's College Programs Manager, to discuss the work I have been doing as a United Farm Worker's intern.

Friday-----

I started my day by working on a writing assignment for my CHCI class with Dr. Augustine. Then I conducted immigration research regarding farm workers. Later, I spent a couple of hours doing outreach to congressional offices regarding the Asuncion De Valdivia Heat Illness Act. Before ending my day, I attended a briefing and took notes for my supervisor.