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Journal Entry – Week 9

We are almost coming to an end. Week nine was a very good week. It started with a stimulation activity in CHCI. In this activity I needed to ask questions and be part of Council Member Group. As part of this activity, I needed to take lots of notes on what other peers were doing and speaking as well as preparing with background information and asking questions along the way. This activity was interesting to say the least. At the end of the day, I learned and took notes that can help me out later.

As other weeks in the past, I went to the office and was answering a few phone calls, assisting constituents, and doing files from past years which I have to say was a lot. As always, I learn every time I go to the office from staff members and do different things that will help me later in future towards jobs or internships.

On the other hand, CHCI was scheduled to have a meeting with Congresswoman Daren Soto on Thursday but unfortunately that meeting was cancelled. Even though that meeting didn't go as planned my peers and I hope to reschedule and have that meeting with her before our internship ends next week.

Friday-----

Friday was the busiest day. My mom's birthday was on Friday. She turned 65 years old. I woke up super early because she wakes up at 4 in the morning to get ready for work. As mentioned, I woke up and said happy birthday and had a conversation about a few things and I was just thinking how grateful I feel to have her and my dad next to me along this journey. I thank God every day for new opportunities and to just be surrounded by great people that guide me. Friday, I have to say was an emotional day, but I learned a lot and had a few meetings. After waking up early I decided to go back to sleep and woke up again for my 9 am meeting with CHCI. The meeting was a collaboration between CHCI and AJC Goldman Fellows. I learned a lot with this session and was able to talk ways where Jewish communities and Latino/ Hispanic communities can contribute together to help each other on topics that like they mentioned, are topics that do not let people go to sleep. Topics that become challenging in the community and ways we can help each other out. After that 9 am meeting I waited and had my last meeting with the

Congressional Hispanic Leadership Institute where I also took lots of notes now that my time is ending with this internship and the steps I can take as well as questions to ask with future job interviews.