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Journal Entry – Week 10

Monday-----

On Monday, I worked on finishing my campaign revolving micro-aggressions and hate crimes that the Latinx/Hispanic community faces. I took a break from that to attend a policy check-in meeting. Afterwards I finished up the campaign and sent it over. I then logged onto the weekly legislation call and took notes on it. Later in the evening, I had a meeting with the rest of the HEP/CAMP interns and Patrick. We heard about everyone’s internship experiences and spoke about potentially meeting up again in the future.

Tuesday-----

I started off my morning on Tuesday with finishing up the meeting notes from the day before. After I got them taken care of and sent over, I worked on a communications plan to raise awareness on issues that farmworkers face. I brainstormed various potential topics and sent over what I had for feedback before I started researching more in depth about everything.

Wednesday-----

On Wednesday, I looked a bit deeper into some of the potential farmworker issues I chose as topics for the communication plan. I also got caught up on legislation as I hadn’t checked up on it in a bit.

Thursday-----

Thursday was my very last day with LULAC. I spend most of my morning completing items for my internship closeout. I filled out an internship evaluation sheet, completed an exit memo, shared my internship timesheet, had an exit interview, moved some assignments I’d worked on to a shared drive, and wrote up and sent a farewell email to the LULAC staff. I also sent over a graphics request for design development for the Farmwork awareness communication

plan. It was a bit surreal doing all these things as I really can't believe my internship is done already; the summer passed by in the blink of an eye.

Friday-----

On Friday, as part of CHCI we met with Representative Soto. It was great meeting him and hearing about his story and what he had to say on certain topics. Friday was also my last session with CHCI. We started of that session by hearing from the Vice President of the CHCI Alumni Association. She gave us advice on what to do post-internship, shared about herself and her experience in CHCI and after, and told us about the alumni association. I really enjoyed hearing from her and am excited to be a part of the CHCI Alumni Association. We then followed by hearing from Marco, the CEO and President of CHCI. I'm glad we were able to hear from him one last time before our time at CHCI was over. We followed that by reflecting and sharing about our time at CHCI and ended the session by hearing from the Programs Team. I loved hearing what everyone had to say and really wish we could have all met in person. It's still a bit surreal that the ten weeks have passed, and this internship is over because it all went by so fast. I'm definitely going to miss everyone, but hopefully we're able to meet again sometime in the future. I am super grateful I got the opportunity to be a HEP/CAMP, CHCI, and LULAC intern and I learned a lot about the government and policy, but also about myself and my interests. Thank you so much to everyone who helped make this happen!!