



The National HEPCAMP Association DC Internship

Weekly Journal Entry

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Monday

On Monday, I got the opportunity to meet one of the new UFW interns. Then, I was able to make a few phone calls to different farmworkers in NM to inform them of a new movement to help farmworkers get better working conditions by sharing their stories and experiences. With a picture of the work that would later be UFW posted on social media platforms. In general, it was great to serve my community in that way since I was able to get in contact with ex-colleagues and friends who work as farm workers.

Tuesday

Tuesday was the 4th of July, so I took it upon myself that I would explore Arlington, the war memorial, and Pentagon. I enjoyed walking in the city and getting to see the different architectural styles that Arlington has to offer. In addition, the war memorial was breathtaking upon how beautifully it was constructed. I have to say that it was one of the best graveyards I have ever visited. Then I visited the Pentagon. Unfortunately, I didn't get to explore the building since they were not giving any more tours. Finally, in the evening, I and some CHCI interns had a cookout where we were celebrating the 4th of July, then we went to the park at 8 pm to watch the fireworks at 9 pm.

Wednesday

I worked on making flyers for my community to spread awareness of the financial aid program that is offered to farm workers. In addition, I helped share people's testimonies with my boss as well as I worked on my testimony for a project I am working on.

Thursday

Today I learned how to create and send professional emails, as well as how to use Zoom and schedule meetings and share important information electronically. In addition, my assignment was to reconnect with my community and do a quick survey to see how many people were interested in joining the financial aid program offered to agricultural workers.

Friday

During our CHCI orientation, we learned about race, gender, class, and sex in the United States. The orientation consisted of creating a safe space where the intention could be expressed and give an account of what his experience was like as an immigrant or first generation university student. In addition, they help us find our true self and our environment. Finally, we enjoyed a presentation on Latino demographics and statistics that were relevant to our earlier discussion.



Weekend

They invited me to New York, it was my first time going to New York and I had never been on a train before. The trip was a pleasant and unique experience. Upon arrival, I met up with the other interns, then we went to the Brooklyn Bridge, Rockefeller Tower and the zipline to get a better view of the city. Then we went to see the twin towers monument. The next day we took a ferry to see the Statue of Liberty, then we went to a small beach near New York Bay.