



The National HEP/CAMP Association DC Internship

Weekly Journal Entry

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Monday June 26 and Tuesday June 27, 2023

Monday and Tuesday I did not have anything big. I stayed at the office both days working on assignments that Gabriel, our Programs Manager, assigned to us. Along with some few assignments from Tia and Mary Ann. I have finally reached the middle of my internship this summer, the fifth week. So far, I have been loving my office and all of my coworkers. At the beginning of my internship I did not really know what was expected of me and what I should be doing in the office but being a few weeks in, I now am working on a few projects and taking up some tasks around the office. These tasks keep me busy throughout the day.

Wednesday June 28, 2023

Today I came into the office like any other day and worked on a couple of tasks that I had but once lunch hour came I had to leave due to having a lunch meeting with Marco A. Davis, the President and CEO of CHCI. All of the interns at CHCI would at some point have a lunch meeting with him in the coming weeks, but I was put in group one.

The first thing I would like to say is that the food was amazing. We met at the National Democratic Club. I never thought I would be able to enter this establishment. It was definitely on the fancy side, I felt a tiny bit out of place. Moving onto the meeting with Marco, we had an hour with him to ask him any questions we wanted as we ate. The meeting did not last long due to Marco having a meeting right after. Nonetheless the meeting and food was great.

Friday June 30, 2023

I went to the White House for the third time.

I am so surprised as to how many times I have been able to enter the White House. The interns in the House Offices always tell me how hard it is to get tickets to tour the White House so I am surprised that I have already been inside three times. I did not know what to expect and what the White House would look like from the inside but I thought it was pretty cool. However, I do want to say that the White House from the outside is rather small compared to what I had imagined it to be. The inside of the White House was rather pretty, I really liked the blue and green rooms. I honestly do not know how to explain the inside of the White House, so I will definitely add all of the pictures I took.

Right after touring the White House, I had to head to CHCI programming. After programming we all decided we want to go finally watch the new movie, The Little Mermaid. With this, our weekdays came to an end.



Sunday June 2, 2023

Today we went out to explore a museum and later went to PenCity.

The reason we went to the National Building Museum was due to the exhibit of The Border Wall. I did not know that this exhibit existed but a few of the CHCI interns were going to check out the exhibit so I decided to check it out as well.

To me, I think the border wall exhibit was lacking in what they could have presented. I do not think they truly put emphasis on the struggles immigrants have to face or the reasons as to why they cross over. I think a lot of the exhibit was more of informing how many people cross over and what the wall was. The images and objects they used within the exhibit were sad to view seeing I have parents who faced the same struggles. Although, I think the museum could have been better, it still does serve as a learning experience for others who may not know what the border is.

After the museum, we made our way to Pentagon City because we wanted to go to the Mall. To begin with, I underestimated how big this mall really is; there's four floors to this mall, it was huge and wide. It was fun going around the different shops, which took up most of our day. The good thing was that I was given a four day weekend due to the fourth of july.

