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The first day I was so mesmerized by how big and beautiful the buildings were and how amiable and peaceful the campus was. As I walked in I didn't know what to expect, I was anxious not knowing anyone, everyone had seemed to have known each other from previous summer institute so I felt like an outcast. But it wasn't all that bad, there was a kind lady that introduced me to her daughter and we conversed for a while. To start off with, my first day didn't go well as I was hoping for. I was hoping to have already caught on to everything, and created bond with people the first second I walked in. But with my luck I wasn't appointed a roommate so that day I mostly felt alone. It made it almost impossible to make friend, because when having a roommate if you click that's your first friend by association, but I didn't have the luxury of having that. By the time lunch went by and our first lecture came I had met this group of people, they were nice but I really didn't feel like we clicked yet. Although things didn't go how I wanted it to, looking back I am happy that I had things the hard way. It reminded me that life isn't gummy bears and roses. In this world you will have to fend for yourself and rise up on your own. Build your own friendships and stand strong by yourself, because when you're in college mom and dad aren't around, so the responsibility and motivation is on you to make for yourself

Second day was better than the first. I socialized with some people. They gave off good vibes. The lectures were superb. you could learn a lot „for example, about things that aren't told to us on a regular basis including what it takes and the journey to being successful in the International Relations field. For example the meaning of state in the international relations world. I learned Actor Structure Future and You. Professor Arend is an intelligent man. His presentation and the way he speaks to the class is nothing like you've seen before. Trust me, your eyes won't stop moving because he literally goes from one side of the auditorium to the other side of the when he speaks. One of our outside activities was going to see the monument and it was so beautiful. It was neat to see it because I always saw it in books and to have the experience to witness something you seen in pictures or books or brochure in real life, makes you value it even more.

Third day was awesome my group had the chance to go to the French embassy. I learned a lot. We met the French diplomat. He was honest and answered all the question we had. Plus the one advantage the kids going to the French embassy had compared to the other embassies was we got to eat French food. So, not only did we get to learn about French history, policy and social interest, but also had a meal. We also met the senator of Pennsylvania, Bob Casey Jr. It was surreal because you usually see these people on TV, but to see them in real life gives you a close and personal outlook.

Today is the fourth day and I'm understanding the ropes. Everything seems easier. We had four lectures in one day, which wasn't fun. But these professors are so smart and experienced that when they speak you can't help but listen because they are giving you an insight on what you believe you want to do one day. It's like a personal guide to different fields you want to be a part of.

Georgetown was such a wonderful experience. Not only did I get to study what I was interested in, but it gave a clear outlook on what to expect in college. It is an experience I will always be grateful for, because without NCWA, I wouldn't be able to go to Washington D.C nevertheless Georgetown. Programs like these motivate children like me to prosper in life because there is a whole other world out there, not just where we live. There are different personalities, religions, problems, and as citizens of the world we must be aware of things other than ourselves.