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One Week I'll Never Forget

My week at Georgetown is one i will never forget. From world renowned speakers lecturing on the environment, music and the Islamic state i just couldn't get enough information. Late nights hanging with my RA and my friends in our common room, to waking up in the morning and running through the campus and the town to treat myself with a smoothie it was just perfect. Debating with my friends about politics in and out of the discussion groups was one of my favorite activities (next to getting coffee from the on campus coffee shops). The whole atmosphere of Georgetown made me feel at home and its an experience I honestly wouldn't trade for anything

I honestly was not expecting to gain the friendships i did from this program and how much fun I had. I have friends all over the world now, from China to California to India to Australia. It was very hard after the last lecture to say goodbye to all my new friends and go back to Naples. Georgetown broadened my perspectives on topics like human rights and morals, cybersecurity, global climate change, and terrorism. I personally feel like I learned a lot about myself in Georgetown. I learned to stand up for myself and for others and to just be caring and nice to people, because there is so much evil in this world you might as well be a light in the darkness. Georgetown even changed my views on this presidential election.

I'll never forget the night that it was pouring and a couple of my friends and I decided to run outside and just explore the campus at night in the rain. We found a truly amazing platform on a building that looked over the whole lit up campus and watched the rain slowly drop onto the lit up football field turf. Then we returned back to our dorms soaking wet and changed and went right to the commons room where we played some card games and talked about politics and our lectures. It might not sound very appealing but those were some of the most relaxing times at Georgetown. It was good to have relaxing times because you are ALWAYS doing something, between lectures, lunch, discussion, dinner, and field trips you only had so much free time to just hangout and talk.

Georgetown was everything I didn't expect and nothing i expected. Even though you had a set schedule you never knew who or what could pop up. On our trip to the monuments we met Ted Cruz, who was running the national mall with his wife! A friend and I rented a bike and just biked around the national mall and coming from someone who has never been to D.C. before until now, let me say that all those monuments and the whole atmosphere of the mall is truly breathtaking. I would like to thank the NCWA for giving me the opportunity to attend this prestigious one week international relations program, I'll truly never forget it.