CareerQuest Spring 2017 was more than just a worthwhile experience—it was fun! We saw a good variety of employers, all of which taught me what I am and what I am not looking for in future job opportunities. For me, I found out that I gravitate toward the world of online magazines with open, bustling office spaces, but again, that was just me. We also visited a PR firm that was quieter and while still “open,” working areas were more spaced-out, which other participants might gravitate toward. We also got to know the type of people we would be working with should we choose to pursue internships or jobs with these companies. Despite some blizzard-related setbacks, the trip was also admirably organized and led by our “fearless leaders,” Amanda and Jen, who were also just great fun to hang around.

CareerQuest is not only a great way for participants to find out more about internships and job opportunities; it also a great way to find out what kind of city one might want to spend part of their future in. Even though we spent only a couple of days in New York City (specifically Manhattan), it was still a good amount of time to get a snapshot of what living in the city would be like (hint: it will involve a good amount of swift walking!).

Though it may sound clichéd, anyone wishing to participate CareerQuest should come with an open mind—you may have an idea of what kind of work environment, city, or even industry you want to explore, but you never know what else you may come across. Also, be prepared to do quite a bit of walking, no matter what city you’re visiting. CareerQuest walks everywhere.