

As a college senior, starting my career and the dreaded job search are ideas that immensely occupy my mind. Before going on NYC Career Quest, through GW Career Services, the very thought of beginning the process of searching for jobs after graduation overwhelmed me. Having a major, such as, Journalism and Mass Communications, gives me a lot of job options and opportunities, but I was not quite sure what specifically, in this large realm of possibilities, it was that I was specifically looking for. I applied to go on Career Quest with hopes that it would help provide me answers with the questions I was wrestling with and that it would expand my view of job opportunities outside of the DMV area.

Actually attending Career Quest was such an exciting experience! Our jam-packed schedule allowed the group to see many different well known businesses. Being able to hear from the people behind such influential companies and brands, such as, Facebook, Spotify, and Bustle, was an enlightening experience that was able to provide me with new insights and perspectives about these places. I really enjoyed being able to make personal connections with the individuals at the respective companies. Being able to put an actual person to such a large, impressive company, proved to be incredibly reassuring in showing me that there is an actual human part of these legendary workplaces.

One of the most important take-away's I gained from Career Quest, was gaining a new perspective and strategy about the job search process. The trip made me determine my passion and take the job search from there. I learned that while I do have a lot of options, none of these options are wrong or bad. My first job out of college will not be my forever job, but a job that I can hopefully learn a lot from and hopefully be able to gain strong mentors from. I learned how important creating and maintaining relationships are. Career Quest, NYC, gave me a new outlook on the "dreaded" job search, but it the outlook was positive and calmed my nerves!