

West Coast Best Coast

The experience I had in Seattle was truly incredible. Seeing the city and all the renowned companies we went to was a one of a kind experience. It was only my second time on the west coast and the first thing I noticed was the lifestyle. People were relaxed and laid back and the surprising thing was that this translated into the work place of multinational companies such as Microsoft and Facebook. Although while they were relaxed, this did not make them lazy as people worked at an incredible efficiency. Furthermore, the offices of Starbucks, Facebook and Microsoft were one of a kind. I imagined them being rather unique but the atmosphere truly blew me away. Microsoft for example offered their employees a free membership to the same elite gym that the Seattle Seahawks train at. Their campus also had an incredible eight soccer fields and far more amenities for their employees to use. However, it was not solely the workspaces that inspired me but the people working there. At every site visit, we got the opportunity to ask employees, some of which were GW Alumni, questions. Their answers were always strikingly genuine and they were incredibly helpful offering not just answers to our questions but general career advice. This was also the case at the Alumni dinner on the last night. Our cohort had the opportunity to meet with several distinguished alumni who were all incredible kind and happy to help students from their Alma Mata. Lastly, the fellow cohorts and the staff was what made my trip memorable. It was a really great mix of people who were always ready to go exploring the city. I believe I made some friendships that I will always cherish thanks to the great career quests. Although Seattle was smoky due to the forest fires in the surrounding areas this trip was incredible and I can only recommend it.