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Blog Post

In the Fall of 2018, I was selected as one of fourteen GW students to attend the five-day GW Career Quest Trek program in San Francisco over winter break.

I was very excited about the prospect, because I was eager to enrich my networking experience in a city that I had never before visited in a professional setting. Immediately upon arrival, and especially during the first company visit, I was reminded of how casual Californians are in both dress and attitude.

Prior to the Career Quest trip, I had experienced a different professional setting on the east coast – one where dress was more formal and employees a little less laid back. During the summer between my sophomore and junior year at GW I worked in a lifestyle PR firm in the Soho neighborhood of New York City, and then again in the fall of my junior year, I found myself back in NYC with another GW campus organization called GW Women in Business to network with companies and alumni.

My experience in San Francisco with Career Quest was amazing and enlightening. The professional vibe there is upbeat and exciting, and the people are innovative. Even though I think that I prefer the professional environment on the east coast, I had an incredible time visiting companies in San Francisco and feel grateful to be able to compare and contrast different jobs, industries and corporate cultures. GW Career Services did an amazing job coordinating the visits and working with both the students and the companies. I made friends on the trip and gained valuable connections, especially on LinkedIn. I highly recommend a trip like this one, because it's one you will never forget.