

## Never Too Late To Discover Yourself In Westside

To be honest I did not know what to expect visiting Seattle, of course, I had in mind all the stereotypes of what it's like to live there. Career Quest was an absolute eye opening experience for me regarding my career path. I really appreciated the fact that the companies we visited were very diverse across all fields. I got to explore different areas outside of my major which broadened my horizon.

One thing I noticed is that most of the employees and panelists we spoke to during the company tours had very different career paths prior to their current jobs. They all hopped around before they found their true passion, which makes sense because only after trying out different fields will you know what's the best fit for you.

The west coast is definitely known for its laid back atmosphere which directly reflects to the work environment no matter how stressing the work load is in these big corporations such as Microsoft, Facebook, and Starbucks. This also corresponds to the work-life balance that everyone there values.

Furthermore, I got to reconnect with all the GW Alumni that I met at each site visit for more in depth networking sessions. They all offered me valuable advice for my career and shared with me their personal life mistakes & lessons. I can honestly say I met great alumni which I am now proud to have part of my network.

Outside of the work force, I really enjoyed my stay in the city of Seattle. I wouldn't have known that Seattle is one of the cities that I would consider moving to if it wasn't for Career Quest. People there are very relaxed and nature driven in comparison to the east coast where it's fast paced and politics driven.

Lastly, my fellow cohort members truly made this whole trip so much fun and enjoyable in the evenings. As well as the wonderful and warming career services representatives, Steve, Ben, Stacey and Dr. Merrill.