

NYC CQ Blog Post

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Prior to this trip, I wasn't really sure what to expect from these site visits. However, this Career Quest trip to New York City definitely exceeded my expectations because we not only got a tour of the actual sites, but we also had a lot of Q & A time that allowed us to ask general questions about job applications as well more specific questions about the company.

Being able to explore individual sites of these mega companies was definitely a once-in-a-lifetime experience. This opportunity to get exposure to the company's work atmosphere and culture does not come by too often and I am so thankful to have given this amazing opportunity to be able to do so. Each of the sites that we visited were unique in their own way and each company had their own culture, so I was able to get a better understanding of what culture I may want to be part of in the future.

From this trip, three major takeaways I got from all the companies we visited as well the trip itself was, one to not be afraid about not getting the first "perfect" job right after graduation, because no matter what job it is, as long as you do the best in the role you've been placed, there is always room for advancement and career growth. The second takeaway was to not be worried if the role you are applying for isn't necessarily the degree that you came out with. There were many cases where the panelists would share their story of their college major and their role in the company and they are very different. So, you just never know where you end up in! Because you may be a political science major and then end up in sales! The last takeaway was to network network network!! I learned that networking is a crucial step to getting your foot through a company. The networking event we had on our second night stay was a really nice experience to be able to network with GW alumni and learn where they work.

I am so glad that I had this amazing opportunity to be able to learn insightful information and receive helpful advices. I would 100% recommend it to those who are on the verge of maybe wanting to go but aren't sure because there was so much that I have learned and would've imagined of learning this much from this trip.