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During Winter Break 2020, I had the opportunity to travel to Atlanta with George Washington University's Career Quest Program. I had never been to Atlanta previously, so I was very curious and excited to see what it would be like. Upon arrival, I was immediately overwhelmed with everyone's kindness and cheerfulness. I also enjoyed the opportunity to check out popular sites and restaurants across Atlanta such as Ponce City Market and Little Five Points. However, the highlight of the Career Quest experience was the variety of site visits we took part in. Our cohort had the opportunity to visit sites such as Home Depot, Google, CARE, the CDC, the Carter Center, CNN, Triage Consulting Group, the Federal Reserve, and Delta.

While each site visit was slightly different, they all included an opportunity to engage with the organization employees and ask various questions regarding the organization as well as their own professional experiences. I was surprised by the open nature of the professionals, as they seemed very eager to share their advice with us. Some site visits even included tours of the facilities. I was particularly impressed by Home Depot's campus and the variety of amenities they offered their employees such as a state of the art gym, and an in-house daycare.

As an International Affairs major, my favorite sites were CARE and the Carter Center. While many students assume that all major international organizations are based out of Washington DC, it was nice to be exposed to international organizations in other cities. The insight I was able to gain from Career Quest's contacts in Atlanta was very beneficial and helped provide me with some guidance regarding future educational and career opportunities.

As I left Atlanta I felt incredibly grateful for the opportunity to participate in the Career Quest experience. The Career Center staff were incredibly helpful and were a great part of this program's success. It was an experience I would highly recommend to my peers looking to further their professional development.