

SF Career Quest 2016 Blog Post

Learning from Different Career Paths

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This entire Career Quest experience was beyond my expectation from beginning to end. The fellow participants, staff, and alumni involved were very supportive and the company visits were immensely informative and educational.

From the initial preparation for the program to the accommodation and travel arrangements, I must say the staff were very helpful and ensured that everything was smoothly executed. On top of that, I experienced this Career Quest with an amazing team of participants. Not only were all of them kind and thoughtful, they were very engaged during the company visits and presentations and asked great questions that I find very educational.

As of the company visits, they were invaluable. First off, the presentations provided me insights into what the companies do and the hiring process. In addition, we also got the chance to ask the employees from different departments about their jobs and journeys to where they are today. From this discussion, I learned so much about the different journeys and the steps they took to get to where they are today. Knowing this really motivate me to reflect on my professional interests and the career path that I want to take.

Towards the end of the program, there was an alumni networking event. I really enjoyed this event as well. The alumni in attendance worked in diverse industries and it was interesting to learn about their professions and career paths. It was also comforting to know that there is a handful of GW alumni in the bay area, in case I decide to work in the bay area in the future and want to get involved in the chapter.

Overall, this entire experience helps with my professional development. The company visits solidified my understanding of the companies and expanded my professional network. This experience will surely help me when I apply for work in the future.