

Blog Post

We arrived in San Francisco after early morning flights from the east coast overflowing with energy, ready to visit the great companies of the Bay Area. After spending the first night bonding as a group, we departed early Tuesday morning for Palo Alto and Facebook, Palantir, and Cloudera. I loved visiting Palantir. As someone who has had internship experience working with “Big Data” I understand its importance and the role it will play in the future. Palantir is especially exciting because of the number of young employees at the company. While we walked around the cafeteria, which had the best food on the entire trip, I couldn’t help but notice how many recent college grads were bent over soups and sandwiches, devouring their food, before taking the short walk back to the Palantir office, just down the road. The following day, we traveled into downtown San Francisco to visit google. Around the GW campus, everyone talks about google as a dream job, where any ambitious millennial would want to take his or her talents. The google office has a gym, a gaming room, and a workshop, all to keep the google employee engaged and creative during the workday. The GW alumni who we met at google all repeated the great praise one hears about the company: that google tries to create the ideal work environment, to keep you at work, and to keep you engaged with your work. The grand finale of the trip was our tour of the Golden State Warriors practice facility. Walking into the office, many of the males, and a few females, were star struck to see the name “Steve Kerr” on the wall and “Steph Curry” above a locker. A great highlight was shooting hoops as a group on the practice court, an experience I will never forget. The CQ trip was a phenomenal experience, a great opportunity to learn about post-grad life in the hustling city of San Francisco. I would recommend this trip to all my friends curious about a life in Tech.