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My name is Sami Beshir. I am a George Washington University (GW) senior attaining my undergraduate degree in Business Administration, majoring in Finance and minoring in Economics. I originally heard about Career Quest during my first semester after transferring to GW for my junior year. I knew that once applications reopened the following year, that I had to take advantage of the great opportunity. After applying to the program, I was excited to receive the privilege of participating in Career Quest 2020 cohort over winter break in Los Angeles, CA.

The experience went beyond my expectations. First, I was able to meet other GW students that were just as eager as me to discover and learn about different career industries. The group met a few times before the trip, so that we could get to know each-other and discuss what we hope to gain from the trip as well as our future goals. The Career Quest participants were well-rounded individuals, all offering unique experiences.

Our first site visit was Hulu, where we sat alongside students from NYU and MIT. It was interesting to be part of an open dialogue with Hulu employees on pressing issues in the streaming industry. We also got to visit the top Talent Agencies in Los Angeles, learning first-hand how varying experiences and skills can lead you to unexpected (and successful) career paths. As participants of Career Quest, we had the opportunity to have conversations with employees from the entertainment industry, public policy, and even think tanks like the Milken Institute. Career Quest was very informative and gave us inspiring insight to truly widen our perspective of where we see ourselves working or interning in the future. It was special because we all were exposed to an industry or company that we would have never thought we would be interested in previously.

Furthermore, we were able to attend a GW alumni event that allowed us to strengthen our networking skills. We spoke to alumni one-on-one about their journey post-grad and gained extremely valuable advice. Los Angeles is a beautiful city, being able to visit through Career Quest opened our minds to a wide range of possibilities. Truthfully, an unforgettable experience.

Thank you!