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I am a second-year graduate student originally from El Salvador and I have lived in the DC area for most of my life. I am pursuing my master's degree in Interaction Design and I have a bachelor's in Healthcare Management. My career path has not been a linear one. I have a variety of interests and I am always looking to discover new opportunities. This will probably be my last time in school, and I am trying to make the most of it.

During my summer break, I visited the George Washington University (GW) Career Center where I was able to learn about the Career Quest program. I applied, then I was interviewed, and then accepted to participate in the cohort. As part of the program, the group met several times during the semester to get to know each other and to prepare for the trip. These meetings were extremely interesting, useful, and eye opening. We took two personality tests, and we learned a variety of career seeking tips.

I really enjoyed being part of this group of students, we all had different backgrounds, interests, and majors. We had fascinating, thought-provoking conversations, and this was also an opportunity to meet students at GW that I normally would not have crossed paths with. We all got along, and some of us plan to continue meeting and going to networking events together in the future.

My time at GW has been incredible. The LA Career Quest trip was really the cherry on top of my educational journey. Not only is LA wonderful, but it is also a place with incredible opportunities for new graduates. Each visit helped me understand the possibilities I have as a GW student and the network that exists from coast to coast. This trip allowed me to create connections, and most importantly hear the career journeys of several GW Alumni who reminded us that life is not linear and that there are an infinite number of paths to success.

Some helpful tips that I can share with you are:

1. Apply to Career Quest
2. Make business cards
3. Ask good questions
4. When meeting employers look at the company's culture
5. Make connections while in school

Thank You!