

Even with the unforeseen blizzard that decided to roll in during our visit, this trip was still informative and exciting. Being able to meet with these companies and get some insight into how they broke into their respective businesses was incredibly interesting and valuable.

Meeting with the representatives from Bustle was hands-down my favorite part of the trip. Before we met with them I was completely set on what I wanted to do with my life, but afterwards I was starting to evaluate other options. I always knew that I wanted to work with books and I assumed that meant that the best route for me would be to go into publishing. After talking with the group at Bustle, I have now considered writing for an online publication like that where I can be the Books Editor and make recommendations to readers about upcoming books.

They took the time to talk to us about their backgrounds and it was amazing to find that most of them did not start out in the fields that they originally went to school for. Learning to be flexible was one of the most valuable things that I learned on this trip. I can't be set in my ways and I need to be open to new opportunities instead of sticking myself into a box.

Being able to meet with these media and communication companies allowed me the opportunity to strengthen my interpersonal skills as well. As an introvert, I am very shy when it comes to speaking up during meetings, but I was able to ask questions that I wanted to know the answers to and generally just try to be more outgoing.

The Career Quest Media and Communications trip was an incredible experience for me and I would definitely recommend it for anyone who is trying to figure out what type of company they want to work for in the future.