

Once in a lifetime opportunity

My name is Keara Wilson, and I attend the Corcoran school of Art + Design at The George Washington University. I am currently a junior, and my major is fine art photography. I was gifted with the opportunity of being a part of the Career Quest 2017 Fine Arts cohort. When notified that I had got accepted into the program, I was so excited because for one this would be my first visiting new york where I could remember and know that I would be able to visit some amazing companies. I always get asked, "What is your Major?" and the question that follows that is "What are you going to do with that?" I could never answer that question until now after being a part of career quest. Our program directors made sure that we were prepared for the event meaning they told us what we should wear, how to network, went over resumes and cover letters, and told us what we needed to look forward too. When I arrived in New York, we went to the hotel, and we checked in. We were given nice rooms, and the pillows were soft. The hotel was nice and served us breakfast in the morning and dinner. The first day we visited three companies. But the one that stood out the most was Getty Images. We met one of their staff photographers. He talked to us about how he go to where he is today and the importance of following your dreams and that you can do anything you put your mind too. One quote that stood out to me was "It takes a village to support a staff photographer." Which is entirely true it's important to have a great support system in this field. After our company visit we went back to the hotel and prepare for dinner with a Fine Art Corcoran Alumni. Which was pretty cool, it's always great to see people that have graduated from your school, and they're achieving their goals it's motivating. He gave me feedback on my work and stressed the importance of networking because you never know who will be able to help you get your foot in the door. Due to the snow we were not able to visit the other companies but we were provided with the contact information and was allowed to communicate with them anytime, which was cool. We also got to stay at the hotel for another night and were able to explore New York a little more . If given the opportunity again I would take it. This opportunity was truly a great once in a lifetime experience.