

Michigan in Washington Student of the Week: Erica Schuman

Name: Erica Schuman

Hometown: West Bloomfield, MI

Major: Double Major in Political Science and History

Minor: Judaic Studies

Internship Placement: Press Intern for U.S. Senator from Michigan Gary Peters

Why did you decide to do Michigan in Washington?

I actually wrote about wanting to do MIW in my "Why Michigan" essay when I applied to U of M! Washington D.C. is one of my favorite cities and it's been such a valuable opportunity to get immersive experience in my field of study outside the classroom.

What are some of the projects you have been working on at your internship?

I maintain news clippings, draft press releases and social media posts, manage website content, and I even get to observe the satellite TV and radio interviews that the Senator does here in D.C.

What elective are you taking and is there anything interesting you have been learning in this class?

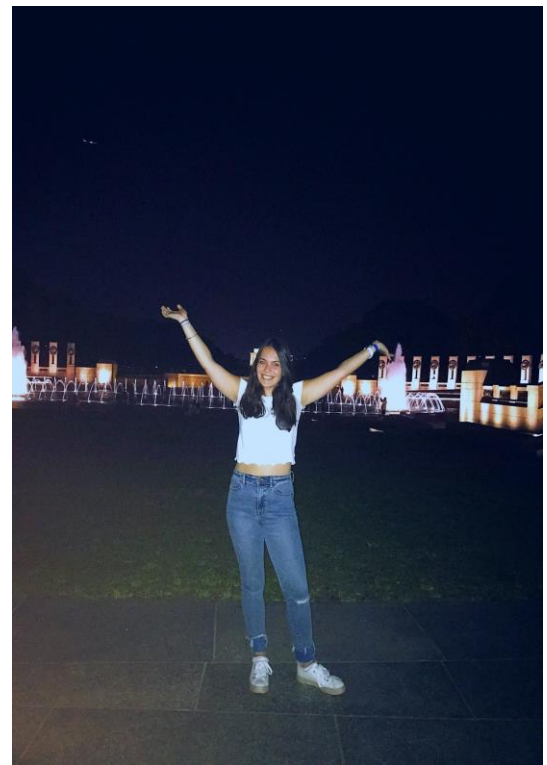
My research inquiry for POLSCI 411 is exploring word associations and party ID by analyzing party convention speeches. Working in a congressional communications department has given me so much insight to help me write my paper, resources I would not have been exposed to without being here in Washington.

What are you looking forward to for the rest of the semester?

Exploring as much of D.C. as I can! There's always museums to see, panels to attend, and new food to try here.

Anything else you want to share?

It is definitely a fascinating time to be in D.C. The political climate is pretty unique, and it's been incredible to be here when so much is going on.



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