

## My Georgetown Experience

As a passionate young man of politics, the International Relations program at Georgetown University exceeded my expectations. Going into the program, I knew I'd be surrounded by knowledge and intellectual individuals, but I was not aware of how far the program planned to educate myself and others. Students didn't just listen to lectures by elite Georgetown professors, they were exposed to everything our Nation's capital has to offer. We met with politicians such as Congressman Rooney, we visited monuments, and had debated/discussed everything we learned. The Georgetown Summer International Relations Program provided us an education that I have never experienced before.

To enhance our experience even more, the program provided many fun activities and just enough free time. Everyone, from the staff to the other students, was beyond friendly. I made friends easily right from opening session. I had the opportunities to do many things, such as playing beach volleyball on campus, or go explore the world-famous M Street. I made friends that I still communicate with, and because of this program, we are all applying to Georgetown University.

The week I spent at Georgetown is one that I will never forget. I left with increased knowledge in politics, friendships and laughs that will last a lifetime, oh and some t-shirts and hats from the school store. As a rising senior, this program helped formed my decision on where I want to further my education.

The fact that the Naples Council on World Affairs is remarkable, and I am extremely thankful that they granted me this unique opportunity. I strongly encourage future juniors who are interested in International Relations to apply for this scholarship.