

Fri.Sa.Li. WASHINGTON, DC 2022

LOGBOOK

9 July, Saturday:

- The alarm rang at 2:30 a.m.
- We met all together, with Mr. Moretti and Mr. Plusigh, in front of our school in Udine at 3:30 a.m.
- After we arrived at the Venice Airport the first flight left at 7:20 a.m.
- We land at the Wien official airport at 8:25 a.m.
- At the 10:50 a.m. the airplane took off
- We land at 14:35 in Washington, DC.



- After we passed all the airport controls, we came here, at Georgetown University.

10 July:

- After a recharging sleep we departed towards the center of the city, and we visited:

-The John F. Kennedy Center for the Performing Arts



- The Washington Monument



- The Lincoln Memorial



- The Art Museum
- We tasted the Shake Shack's food.
- We have attended a charity concert

11 July, Monday: -We went to “Ambasciata Italiana”



- We met Kyberly Bassett, who is the coordinator of all embassies in D.C.



- We listened to a catching testimony about the history of Washington D.C.
- In the afternoon we visited the White House



- Capitol Hill



- We went to “Il Canale” an Italian restaurant



The most exciting thing of the day was the meeting with Kimberly, who is such a beautiful and great person.

She became in only 1 hour one of our “besties”.

She made a great impression on us; we felt the love and passion that she puts everyday into her work.

12 July, Tuesday: - We departed towards “Casa Italiana”

- We visited the:
- Italian Museum (inside the Casa Italiana’s structure)



- We listened to a great testimony of a priest who talked about the immigration and people of the past.
- We ate Thailand food
- We went to the swimming pool in Georgetown University

It was such a great day: we’ve talked with Liz, Anna and Francesco and we loved them. We’ve also liked the Italian museum with paints and its structure. We’ve understood how much the Italian culture has influenced the growth of DC and the country.

13 July, Wednesday:

- We went to “Casa Italiana” where we listened Dona’s testimony, which was very interesting, about immigration and all its evolution through the time.



- We met Stefania Craxi



- We ate Five Guys’ food

- Giada got lost at the Nation Museum of Art



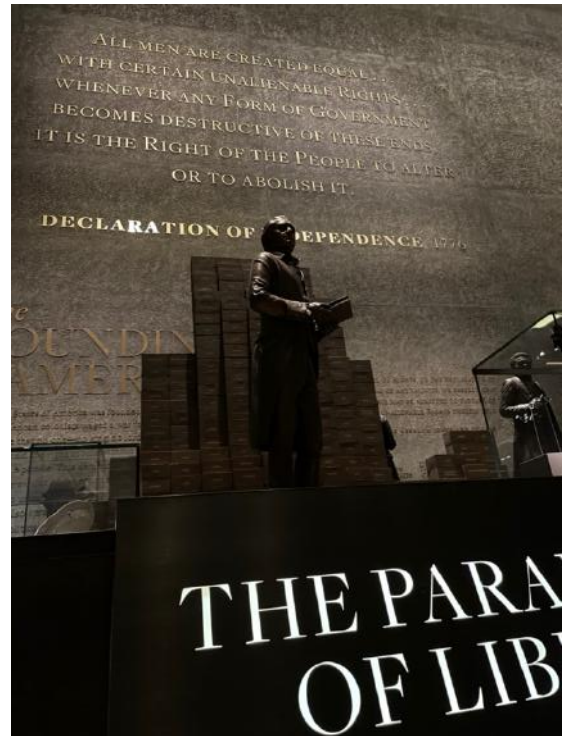
- We bought some new T-shirts.

We've learned a lot about the immigration and the situation that Italian American have been through. It made us think about how lucky we are today and how much our ancestors had suffered to reach their purpose.

14 July, Thursday: - We departed towards the Afro-American Museum (in Washington, DC)



- We visited 4 floors of it, and they made us understand the other face of the coin of the American Dream.



- No one got lost
- We exercised ourselves at the gym

The most interesting thing of the day was the L4 floor of the museum, especially the room dedicated to all the Afro-American musicians and singers. In that room we could decide the queue, and we loved it

15 July, Friday: - We got up at 5:00 a.m.

- We departed towards Philadelphia by bus
- The first thing that we visited was the famous Independence Bell and its museum.



- We explored the Jewish History Museum in the center of Philadelphia

- We admired the giant and beautiful Philadelphia Benjamin Franklin Bridge



- We discovered a peculiar and cosmopolitan market and then we ate the famous Cheesesteak.
- In the afternoon we visited the gorgeous Barnes Foundation, and we admired its paints and the artists who have pictured them.



- We went to Macy's, which is a big mall with lot of different clothes and brands
- We admired the famous Rocky statue and ran up the iconic stairs.
- We arrived in the Georgetown after midnight

We loved the Barnes Foundation because it was very charming, and it represented a unique experience.

A large Renoir collection surprised us.

We were very happy when we ran toward the famous Rocky's building, like we were kids.

16 July, Saturday:

- We went to the zoo on foot, we walked at least 1 hour.
- The first thing that we visited was the Asian animal area.



- We explored the Reptile area.

Ale was very scared to see snakes and spiders, but he loved pandas and all the fishes. We tried to understand how to do the laundry and while doing that we had a lot of fun. At the end of the day, we were very tired.

17 July, Sunday:

- We went to Baltimore, by train.
- The first thing that we did was drinking a 1\$ Iced coffee.
- Then we explored all the city:
- "Washington monument and its history".



- After that we visited the Wall's Museum.



We had lunch and then we went to the top of a hill, where we played cards.



- We saw, into the Hard Rock Café, a beautiful and powerful women group sang.
- We came back at 22:56.

- We arrived in the Georgetown after midnight.



We were mesmerized during the performance at Hard Rock Café; they were very good; We loved it all.

Unfortunately, we couldn't stay long in that bar.

Walking around the city, we noticed far too many homeless. In addition, Baltimore is considered the most dangerous town in the U.S.A. For that reason, sometimes we were scared.

- 1) The thing that we will take home with us is the importance of understanding as much as possible about our history.

We know, it might seem hard but it's basic for your personal growth either as an Italian or a person.

We really have understood a lot of new aspects that made the life of our past generations more difficult.

We would also like our families to know and learn that the history of Italian immigrants goes far beyond the prejudices and clichés that have persisted for decades.

- 2) Guido, enemy aliens, first responders, wop, guinea, marble.

"We did not come her to find a better life. We came here to earn it".

- 3) We understood that we really didn't know anything about immigration and that all the things that Dona told us must be told during school classes.

We thought that all that happened was not so much complicated, compared to other giant immigration in history, we were wrong.

Our immigration had lots of different aspects which we think are so interesting.

In fact, we learned a lot about the discrimination against Italian immigrants and the lynching events that occurred against them who often lived in conditions of total misery and precariousness.

18 July, Monday:

- We got up at 8:30 a.m.
- We departed towards the classroom 105 in Georgetown.
- We attended two different lessons.
 - 1) About the American Government system.
 - 2) About the history of White House.
- In the afternoon we had shopping in Macy's, and we bought a lot of sales item.
- After dinner we played soccer against American boys in Georgetown.

We were very happy in buying a lot of different clothes with less money than ever.

We liked the first presentation because we've learned a lot of new things about the USA.

19 July, Tuesday:

- We got up at 7:30 a.m.
- We departed towards Capitol Hill.
- First, we had a lesson about the Capitol.
- Then we visited some of its beautiful rooms.



- In the afternoon, we visited a particular botanic garden.

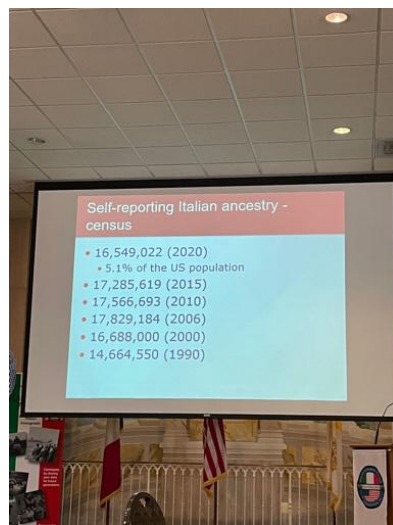


- Once back in Georgetown, we went to the gym.
- After dinner Luca, Mr. Moretti and Ale played golf.

The visit was very interesting, we really liked all the statues and references to the old governments.

20 July, Wednesday:

- We got up at 7:30 a.m.
- We went to “Casa Italiana”, where Francesco taught us how the judicial system works.



- Then we visited the Smithsonian Museum of Natural History.



The museum was very big and interesting, especially the area dedicate to viruses and DNA.

21 July, Thursday:

- We got up at 7:30 a.m.
- We departed towards the Library of Congress.



- We visited the most beautiful parts, thanks to Lucia, who is the reasonable of the Italian division.



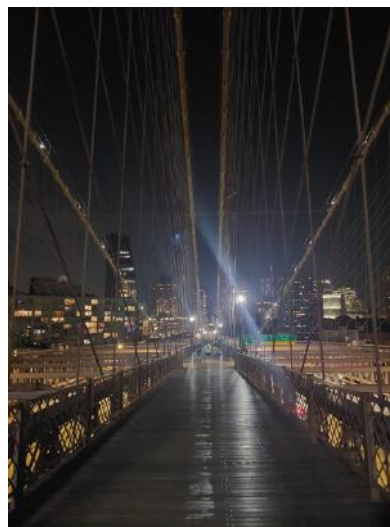
- 1) The thing we're going to take home with us is that you don't have to be afraid to learn new things and ask people who might be able to answer your questions.
Initially we were afraid about what could happen, even though we are all passionate and curious about this topic.
Discovering and studying how other governments work is nice and comparing them with our political system is catching.
- 2) Cabinet, vetoes, executive orders, checks and balance,
- 3) We've learned a lot about how the U.S. government works and the differences with ours.
We loved all the visits we made, the most fascinating was the experience at the Library of Congress, we were enchanted, and we had no words to describe all the emotions we were experiencing.
Francesco taught us a lot of interesting things about justice and immigration.

22 July, Friday:

- We left D.C. at 8 a.m. and arrived in New York city by Flixbus.
- We saw the Empire State Building.
- We went to MOMA, and we saw the most famous paints in the world.

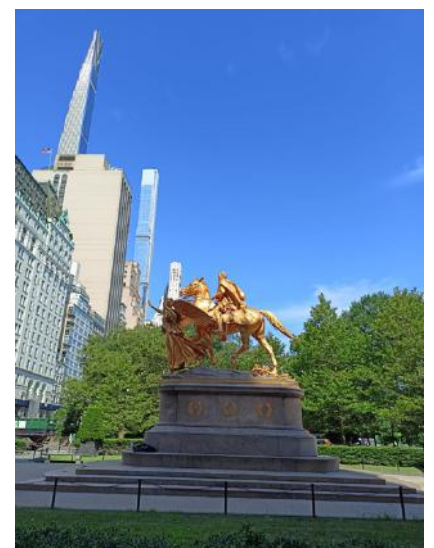


- We visited the 9/11 memorial, touched Bull's balls in Wall Street.
- We went through Brooklyn Bridge, then we admired Time Square.



23 July, Saturday:

- We had a walk in Central Park and watched one of the Trump Towers.



- We returned to Time Square, and we saw the Statue of liberty for a little time, because we had to come back home.



24 July Sunday:

- We had a nap and had a walk along the Potomac River. We appreciated the time spent relaxing ourselves.

25 July Monday:

- We went to “Casa Italiana” and we listened to some experts who talked about the influence of Italian food and culture in U.S.A.



- We had dinner at Francesco's house and interviewed 4 Friulian-Italian Americans.



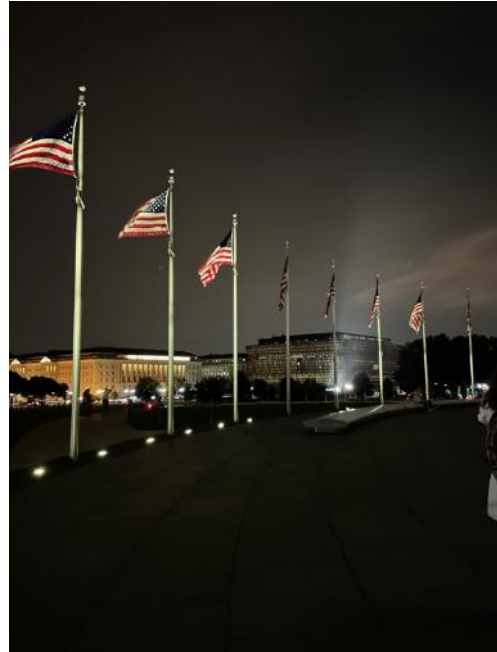
We enjoyed doing the interviews because we learnt a lot about experiences and feelings.

26 July, Tuesday:

- In "Casa Italiana", we saw a film about the Italian contamination into American culture, particularly in the music.
- We went to see the "Marines memorial".



- In the evening we admired the Obelisk wrapped into the dark.



27 July, Wednesday

- It was the last day in “Casa Italiana” and three men talked to us about their businesses in the U.S.A, their troubles and what they enjoyed the most and the least.



- We had lunch in Luigi's restaurant, called "Al Tiramisu".



- In the afternoon we went to Arlington National Cemetery and saw J.F.K epitaph.



- After having dinner in Georgetown University, we admired the Lincoln Memorial and we walked along the streets in D.C.



Today's lunch was the best we have ever had in the U.S.A. until now.
While we were near the graveyard, we felt sad but at the same time proud of all those American heroes who gave their lives to the nation.



Thanks to all the people that made this experience possible especially Francesco, Anna, Liz, our sardinian friends, and our teacher: Mr. Plusigh and Mr. Moretti who carried us all through these weeks in the U.S.

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