

HANNAH LYONS: INTERNSHIP, BAYLOR COLLEGE OF MEDICINE MONDAY 4TH SEPTEMBER 2017

BUFFALO BAYOU PARK

PLUNGING INTO THE PARK

In celebration of Labor Day we set off to visit Buffalo Bayou Park, a park that stretches along the course of the river for a mile with numerous trails and viewpoints of Downtown Houston. We knew before visiting it had been heavily affected by the flooding but were surprised at the extent that was still there a week after Hurricane Harvey had hit. The tops of lampposts could be seen and benches were sunken into a foot of mud that had gathered on the river banking, swallowing the path. Hence we couldn't go on any of the trails but did find a brilliant viewpoint where we had a great view of the skyscrapers towering across Houston.

TUESDAY 5TH SEPTEMBER 2017

HOUSTON SPACE CENTER

EXPLORING OUT OF THE WORLD

Today we got to visit NASA! The highlight was certainly seeing the original control room, exactly as it was when the words "the eagle has landed" came through the speaker that sat on one of the desks right in front of us.

WEDNESDAY 6TH SEPTEMBER 2017

PRESENTATION PREPARATION

COLLATING AND COLLOBORATING

Today I gathered all my research and finalized my presentation for tomorrow, alongside working with Ella and Sam to finish our group presentation on our progress for the IntuiTap project.

THURSDAY 7TH SEPTEMBER 2017

SURGERY AND PRESENTATIONS

SEEING ABALTION

The morning began with seeing a patient who had a liver tumour and watched as the surgeon used a technique, ablation, to heat and kill the cancer cells from part of the tumour. It was an incredible experience seeing the surgery, and especially getting to see a liver tumour, however it was how the team worked together to tackle numerous problems that arose that I thought was the most inspiring.

PRESENTATIONS

The afternoon was spent presenting our work and learning how our product ideas would be submitted for a disclosure report where experts explore the field and consider whether the product is worth investing into more such as making a prototype of.

FRIDAY 8TH SEPTEMBER 2017

GOING HOME...

OFF TO THE AIRPORT

As we headed to the airport and got our flight home we all discussed what an incredible five weeks these have been. From culturing cells to using CAD to learning about 3D printing, the diversity of our internship was brilliant. Equally wonderful was the opportunity to explore Houston; from the beauty of its museums to the ambition encouraged at Houston Space Center to the compassion of the people, I left Houston having learnt so much and am so grateful for this inspiring experience.