

Video Transcript - YES! Intern Talk - 'Learning About Lunar Craters, Meteorites, and the Universe'

Evelin: I was raised in El Salvador. When I was two years old, my parents came to the United States for a better life. In my hometown, I only had a science class, but it wasn't really informative, because, it didn't have enough resources to teach us science.

Evelin: Then, I realized in coming to the United States, it was a unique opportunity that I had to take. After three years, when I arrived to the United States, I was in my science [00:00:30] class, and our teacher was giving us a short presentation about the universe. And, I found it really interesting, but I didn't get it all.

Evelin: And then, I was at a community center, and they told us about this internship at the Smithsonian that we could get to learn about space. And, you could choose other options, too, but I was really into space.

Evelin: So, I applied for it, but, I didn't think that I was going to get accepted because I don't have all [00:01:00] the background that all Americans kids have. And, I didn't speak English that much. But then, I got accepted and I was really excited for it, but I was nervous at all.

Evelin: When I started this internship, I didn't know anything about the moon or the outer space. But, after this internship, I had learned a lot about lunar craters, the universe, and I had the chance to do stuff that most teenagers of my age hasn't do yet. [00:01:30] I got the chance to touch a meteor rock. And I got this great opportunity to see the Blue Room of the museum. What is the Blue Room? Not all people have a chance to go to the Blue Room. The Blue Room is the place where the museum keeps the most valued minerals and rocks that are found all over the world.

Evelin: It was a great chance for me. I will look in my past, and [00:02:00] I felt so important, because I was in an important, significant place for the United States. And, I see how far can a person get from just being an immigrant to be at an important place, and be someone. With all this knowledge that I had gained in this internship, I know what I want to do. In my future, I want to look towards science and study astronomy to make this world a better place for [00:02:30] us.