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Rhode Island University and Yuan Ze University have been collaborating on summer institute for many years. I remember when I first entered Yuan Ze University four years ago, I also signed up for this activity through my department. Unfortunately, due to the global outbreak of the COVID-19 pandemic in early 2020, all international exchanges were suspended, and this activity was forced to be canceled. My university life was spent almost entirely during the pandemic, and as graduation approaches, I also wonder if my university life is going to end like this. Fortunately, as the situation improved, many international exchanges resumed, and the summer institute of the two universities reopened for registration. I am fortunate to be able to participate again, and I treasure this opportunity especially, allowing me to participate in this activity as a student before graduation.



Rhode Island University is located in the smallest state of the United States, Rhode Island, and it is the largest university in the state. The campus is spacious, with pleasant scenery and beautiful department buildings. The facilities inside the buildings are very advanced, operating with high standards and automation. Students can not only experience the highest quality teaching environment but also enjoy highly automated facilities. Additionally, the campus has excellent environmental preservation, often featuring animals like squirrels, rabbits, deer, and groundhogs. Overall, Rhode Island University provides a very suitable environment for studying and living.



Apart from classes, what I find most unforgettable are the activities and travels during my leisure time. On weekdays after class, we utilized buses to explore nearby cities and shops, engaging in both exploration and shopping. On weekends, we also took advantage of the school-arranged buses to venture into cities close to the university, including Providence and Newport within Rhode Island, as well as the renowned major cities of New York and Boston. Among these experiences, the trips to New York and Boston have left the most profound impression on me. Strolling through the streets of New York, visiting well-known attractions such as Times Square, the Empire State Building, Trump Tower, and the New York Public Library, and attending a Broadway musical like "Aladdin," were all experiences I had dreamed of personally encountering. Despite disruptions caused by the pandemic, our trip to Boston was shortened to just one day, but it did not diminish my affection for this journey. Walking through the streets of Boston, this city also exuded a very strong sense of historical significance, an emotion I had never before experienced. We also embarked on the renowned Boston Duck Tours, transitioning from land to water, with the guide's explanations enhancing my understanding of this city.



In addition to classes, what I find most unforgettable are the activities and travels during my free time. On weekdays after class, we used buses to explore nearby cities and shops, indulging in exploration and shopping. On weekends, we also took advantage of the school-arranged buses to wander around cities near the university, including Providence and Newport within Rhode Island, as well as the renowned major cities of New York and Boston. Among these experiences, the trips to New York and Boston are the most unforgettable for me. Walking through the streets of New York, visiting famous landmarks such as Times Square, the Empire State Building, Trump Tower, and the New York Public Library, and attending a Broadway musical like "Aladdin," were all experiences I had dreamed of personally encountering. Despite disruptions caused by the pandemic, our trip to Boston was shortened to one day, but it did not diminish my love for this journey. Strolling through the streets of Boston and sensing the city's rich historical atmosphere was an experience I had never had before. We also took a ride on the famous Boston Duck Tours, transitioning from land to water while the guide's explanations deepened my understanding of the city.



Through this summer institute in university of Rhode Island, I got to know myself better and gained a clearer understanding of the kind of life I aspire to have. Although I couldn't participate in this activity four years ago due to the pandemic, I am glad that I seized the tail end of my youth before graduation and fully enjoyed a month of life in the United States. The only downside was encountering disruptions from the pandemic during the activity, which interfered with many plans. However, these factors don't affect everything I experienced there. Lastly, I want to express my gratitude to all the organizers of this event. Without your efforts, the event wouldn't have been so smooth, and the memories wouldn't have been so beautiful. Thank you!

