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Q&A Interview

Every ambitious politician that has moved to Washington D.C had to have their start somewhere. Sara Grove, president of Baylor College Republicans and aspiring D.C. politician, reflects on her hard work throughout college and favorite memories of people and places that have helped her in her journey this summer to D.C.

Q: Where did your interest in politics come from?

A: I'm from Little Rock, Arkansas. I come from a very republican family and community in Arkansas. I guess my interest originally came from my brother John, who is currently working in politics in the capital. We would always campaign together and go to D.C. together, and it's just something we both are very passionate about.

Q: How has your work here at Baylor prepared you for a career in D.C.?

A: Wow, I have done so much here at Baylor... My major is Political Science, I have worked in the Poli-Sci office for 3 years now, so I've been able to make lots of connections with the professors. I'm also president of Baylor College Republicans and that has made a big impact in my life with the people and connections that I have made from other schools as well, some of my best friends are from CR. I interned for Gregg Abbott and I interned for the Republican National Campaign and was able to go to the convention this summer to see Trump speak. I was on

Student Government this year and that was something that I also really enjoyed. I have done a lot with my major and made the most of it and I know that all of my connections and experience are going to really help me when I get to Washington.

Q: What are you doing in D.C. this summer?

A: This summer I am interning at the Federation for American Immigration Reform. I'll be working with their press secretary. I'm excited because I'll be doing exactly what I want to do, writing press releases, interview people, drafting emails and working on social media. I'm looking forward to getting experience in what I hope to be doing more in the future.

Q: What is the hardest part about trying to take on the political world in D.C.?

A: The hardest part is just getting your name out there. There are so many people that come to D.C. to work on the hill and fight for jobs, and you really just have to be persistent and relentless and continue to get yourself and your name out there and show people who you are and what you can do. That is the way to move up and onward, that is why I have gone to D.C. four times this semester alone. People know me and I work hard to make connections, it's all about who you know in D.C.

Q: What are you most excited to do in D.C.?

A: I'm excited to make a life in D.C. I know that I'm going to be in D.C. for the long haul, I know some people, but I want D.C. to be home for me. I'm excited for the little things in life, like the cherry blossoms in the spring time. I'm sad to leave all my friends behind in Texas, but

this is who I am and what I want to do, so I'm excited to finally move in May and start living like a true politician!

Q: What is your ultimate goal in moving and working in D.C.?

A: Ultimately I hope to work in the White House! I actually have a couple of friends that work in the White House currently, and I'm hoping that their connections will help me get there one day. The White House has its own press secretary so that's who I'd like to work for in the future. I guess that is the goal for any you aspiring politician, to one-day work at the White House.

Q: What is one memory from the past few years that has really stood out to you?

A: That's easy, going to the inauguration in January with my brother! It was cold, we were exhausted but we worked hard for this and that is something I'll never forget.