
August 18-25, 2019

The week of August 18 to 25, we had the opportunity to organize a trip of the U.S.-Mexico 360 program in collaboration with the **Watson Institute of Brown University**. Within the group of 25 students of the Master in Public Administration, there were people from different countries, which added a lot of value to the trip, since they could have a much deeper experience of what Mexico is and how it compares with their countries of origin.

The first day we had meetings at the School of Government of the Tecnológico de Monterrey, with prominent actors in academic and political life, such as: Alejandro Poiré, Héctor Villareal and Edmundo Molina. We thank the former Secretary of the Treasury Carlos Urzúa and the economic-political analyst Macario Schettino for joining us for lunch and sharing their ideas with the delegates.

We had a conversation with Carolina Garayzar of Facebook, in which she shared very interesting data. Then we met with Leni Alvarez, from Hola Code, where delegates had the opportunity to know firsthand what some companies are doing to help deportees and returnees in Mexico. During dinner we were able to talk with Eric Martin, a Bloomberg journalist in Mexico and he shared his experience in the country.

During the following days we had very diverse meetings, we started with representatives of Nike in Mexico, Camila Zepeda (undersecretary at SRE), Gustavo Huerta (Bluebox), staff of the US Embassy in Mexico and Laura Reyna (Grin Scooters). We visited the Senate, Bitso, the Mexican Stock Exchange, Laboratorio Social in Iztapalapa and enjoyed a tequila tasting with Tequila Volcán de mi Tierra. Thank you very much for sharing with our delegation your views and strategies in Mexico.

We thank INAMI for letting us visit the "Las Agujas" Migratory Station, this is one of the stations that are benefiting from the donation in kind by the US-Mexico foundation and other companies.

Like every trip, we took the delegation to visit places in the city that add up the cultural part of the program, this time we went to the museums downtown, Xochimilco with Yolcán, the Basilica of Guadalupe and the Pyramids of Teotihuacán.

We appreciate the trust of Brown University and the Watson Institute to join us on this program.