

**Report for an Internship at the World Trade Center Institute,  
summer 2009.**

July 16<sup>th</sup> to September 11<sup>th</sup>-2009.

Baltimore, Maryland.

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My Internship at the World Trade Center Institute (WTCI) which was under the supervision of Ms. Nina Bankova started on Thursday, July 16<sup>th</sup> and ended on Friday, September 11<sup>th</sup>. I arrived at the United States on June 28<sup>th</sup>, spent with my parents 2 weeks at New York and Florida before the internship.

This report will cover some of the details about my internship and accommodation at the Baltimore.

First of all, I want to thank *Dr. Abdelwahab Elabd*, the Chairman of Baltimore Luxor Alexandria Sister city Committee, for taking care of my whole accommodation and providing me with this internship. Also, I would like to thank *Ahmed Saray*, who searched for an apartment for me when the plans went wrong. I am really grateful to *Dr. Elias* and *Dr. Nader* families who used to take care of me during the weekends.

I arrived at the United States on June 28<sup>th</sup> spent 10 days at Orlando, Florida at my uncle's place then we went to New York for 3 days. We were at Baltimore on July 10<sup>th</sup>, Dr. Abdelwahab was waiting for us and we had dinner at Lebanese taverna. My parents spent with me 2 weeks at Baltimore in which we were staying at the Inn Government House Hotel for free for those 2 weeks.

The plan for my accommodation after those 2 weeks, was to stay at Caitlyn's (Dana's daughter) apartment at Towson, but plans changed because; the apartment was far from the WTCI by almost 2 hours (90 minutes for the bus and 30 minutes walking to the bus stop) and Caitlyn's roommates who study at Towson University had to come back by the end of August, when school starts. For these reasons I had to stay at the Inn Government House Hotel for 10 Nights (paid by me) then I moved to an apartment (paid by me), where I spent at it the rest of period at Baltimore.

My internship was supposed to start on July 13<sup>th</sup> but it was postponed to July 16<sup>th</sup> because my manager was out of office. During those days from July 10<sup>th</sup> to July 16<sup>th</sup>, Dr. Abdelwahab Elabd accompanied us for shopping at Annapolis mall and Anne Arundel Mills' mall and we spent a day at Annapolis and had crabs for launch. I also visited the National Aquarium with my parents.



### **Me with my parents at Annapolis.**

I started my internship on July 16<sup>th</sup> and it was funny that on my first day there was a fire alarm in which we had to go out of the building through the emergency exits, but they found out that it was by mistake. On my first weekend I went with my parents to Washington D.C., where I meet my cousin there and we visited several museums.

I spent two weekends and one Sunday with Doctor Elias and Doctor Samia, on those five days we went to Virginia to celebrate their grandson birthday at his apartment. We spent a day at Fredrick County with their friends. They also invited me for lunch at the farm where we ate fresh food and enjoyed the nice green view.

I also spent two weekends and one Saturday with Doctor Nader and Doctor Marie. I used to go to church (Saint Mary Coptic church at Maryland) with them every Sunday during those two weekends. I also enjoyed the BBQ with their friends. And on my last Saturday at Baltimore, we went to a school at Virginia to watch a religious play prepared by a Coptic church at New York.

I would really thank those families again for everything they did for me during the weekends and also for calling me during the week days. In addition to that, they used to pick me up and drop me off with their cars as they were living far away from downtown Baltimore.

I also want to thank Ms. Renee Samuels for inviting me to a dinner (fancy pizza) and a desert (ice-cream) at little Italy.

On other weekends when I was by myself, I used to go walking at the Inner Harbor enjoying the view of this area or on other days I went shopping at Towson mall by bus number 8.

Regarding the internship, it was at the World Trade Center Institute (401 East Pratt Street) under the supervision of Nina Bankova (Manager, International Visitors and Clients Services) she was also the person who did the interview for me for this internship on the phone on the first week of April. I used to work every day except the weekend and Tuesdays, my daily working hours was from 9 am to 5 pm. It was really useful I learned a lot form this internship through; gaining a lot of critical business skills and learned about Maryland institutions. I also met other interns from different counties (Turkey, Azerbaijan and from different states at the U.S.A) we used to go out together during the happy hours. I used to go to the WTCI by bus when I was at the Inn Government House (number 64) and went walking when I moved to the apartment at Saratoga Street.



**M e with Ms. Nina Bankova at the office.**

My overall stay at the U.S.A was really useful and great; I met different people and learned about the American culture and their daily life style. In addition to that, I enjoyed visiting many museums, Disneyland and Universal studios. I also learned from my internship although it was short.