

"I will remember the last night when everyone was outside talking and hanging out in the courtyard."
-Prakruti Pancholi '20



Spartans wanting to head into the medical field got a sneak peek of it this summer. Wanting a more hands-on experience, seniors Lucas Law, Katie Garner, and Preksha Kedilaya went to SAU's Human Body Camp where they were able to dissect specific parts of a human body. Similarly, Senior Hannah Lederman went to the University of California, Berkeley to take part in the Medicine and Health Care Camp. For other students, researching was their calling this summer. Junior Sandro Xiao spent five and half weeks studying at the University of Iowa. He was able to "perform analytical research under a professor in the anthropology department." In addition, Juniors Ani and Akash Pradeep studied at Duke University where they researched different topics and wrote abstracts over what they found.



Senior Prakruti Pancholi and two friends she met this summer when she attended the Yale Young Global Scholars program.

RECAP OF AN A+ SPARTAN SUMMER

Spartans attend academic camps all over the country

As the 2018-2019 school year came to an end, Pleasant Valley Students were ready to throw out the books. However, this was not the case for Senior Prakruti Pancholi. Pancholi took a trip up to Connecticut where she took part in a program at Yale University.

The program Pancholi attended was the Yale Young Global Scholars program. There, Pancholi studied a session called "Politics, Law, and Economics." Her days were broken up into three parts: lecture, seminar, and capstone. The lecture always consisted of a large group of students, and a Yale professor would lead the discussions.

The seminars Pancholi attended were slightly similar to the lectures. However, the students would discuss more specific topics, and in smaller groups. One of her favorite seminars she took was, "Accountability in Comedy: Can I Say That?"

Finally, Pancholi participated in a capstone at the program. The capstone was a research portion where they broke out in groups of four-five people and researched a topic important to them. Pancholi's topic was a "Comparison of Social Mobility Between Black and White Women After the Civil Rights Act of 1964."

Pancholi's favorite part of this program was being able to "explore social sciences in a place that put proper emphasis on it." She really enjoyed her time there and gained a lot of information as well as friends through doing this program.

Even though summer is known to be a time off from school, Prakruti kept up with her studies. In doing so, she was able to take part in an amazing experience and meet all kinds of new people. Her time there was something she will remember forever and she is so glad she was able to participate in this program.



"Camp is an awesome place to make connections and also learn things by doing activities."
- Ramya Subramaniam '21 (ITLC)



"I made amazing friends from all over the world, and overall loved it!"
- Amy Oberhart '20 (Musical Theater Acting Intensive)



"We learned about ourselves in ways to love ourselves and know we weren't alone."
- Clare Basala '20 (RYLA)

