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I know that you prefer these journals to be about all of the things that I learned and accomplished at my internship with the station, but to be honest, I did not do a lot this week. This is because they threw me a little party for my last day. I did not know that it was happening, so it was very sweet and I was very surprised. I think I mentioned it in the last journal, but I wanted to bring something in as a little thank you to the office so that they would know that I appreciated everything that they have taught me and done for me, but I did not want to buy everyone personalized gifts or anything like that. So I made fudge this past weekend, chopped it up, and put it in a cute holiday container. I was very nervous that they weren't going to like it, especially because I messed up a little when I was melting the chocolate, but everyone was very grateful and they ended up eating all of it!

They got me lunch, which was nice. I should write him a thank you note for how many times he got me lunch. I will include a thank you for how many cool little restaurants and delis they showed me when I was there. It made me realize that I should spend more time in the city. We ended up getting lunch pretty early and then hung out eating the lunch and other snacks that people brought for my little

get-together. I helped them set up the Christmas tree and other Christmas decorations, which was fun, and really made me feel like an intern when they had me set up one of the fake Christmas trees on my own.

Matt let me go around 3 o'clock because that is when most everyone else was leaving, and he said that he had some meetings that he had to go to for the rest of the day. There is not much to write about my overall experience there because I did that for the final paper. As I said, I enjoyed meeting people and learning the basics of the station, but my number one critique was that it was all self-guided for the most part, and I didn't really have any idea of what I wanted to do when I got there. After a couple of weeks, I got started on some things, but it was kind of tough to go in from 9 AM to 5 PM and do nothing sometimes. Everyone was super lovely, and they all said many times that I was their favorite intern (blush). I'm sure they say that to every intern. Everyone misses Hannah, and I said I would try to get her to come in with me at some point but the timing never worked out. They also liked Hannah, and I'm sure that if I go back and visit the station in the future they would love for her to come with me.

I loved this internship, and Matt has even offered to write me a letter of recommendation, and potentially a job if I am looking for one after graduation. I am not sure what I would do... it seems like it could be fun working in that industry and environment though. Thank you for the suggestion to take the internship, it was an amazing opportunity.