

Field Trip Responses

United Nations

On our field trip to the United Nations building, we not only learned from what was being discussed in the meeting, but also how a meeting inside the United Nations really works. It was a great experience to be apart of something like this, especially with the entire class in this semester's Sustainable Systems class. The building wasn't at all what I expected; it was spacious and spread out, not something you'd expect in a cramped city like New York. In my opinion, I thought it was beautiful although a little dated. The room that we had the meeting in itself was very dated, with wooden walls and colored ceiling tiles. There was something pleasing to the eye about the colored tiles, but the room definitely needs to be renovated again soon. The building had a courtyard that overlooked the water to the Coca Cola sign in Brooklyn. Overall, my experience at the United Nations building was great, and I strongly encourage this field trip to be continued to future Parsons Sustainable Systems classes.

Circle Line Cruise

Our trip to on the Circle Line cruise was on a warm Saturday morning on April 16th. The boat departed the Circle Line Port at 10:30 am, rode around towards down town Manhattan, passed the Statue of Liberty, towards the contaminated waters that were taken for testing, and back to the Circle Line Port. Personally, I loved this trip, mainly because I love boat tours not only around the city but in general. I love boat tours because viewers get to see the skyline up close, and ride under historical and architecturally astounding bridges while being able to enjoy being outdoors in the sun. There were speakers and poetry performances about water sustainability that connected well with the objective of the Circle Line Cruise field trip. This was a really exciting experience to have with my peers, and being able to share our ideas and thoughts with each other while on this trip. This is another field trip that I strongly encourage to be continued for future Parsons freshman in the Sustainable Systems classes.