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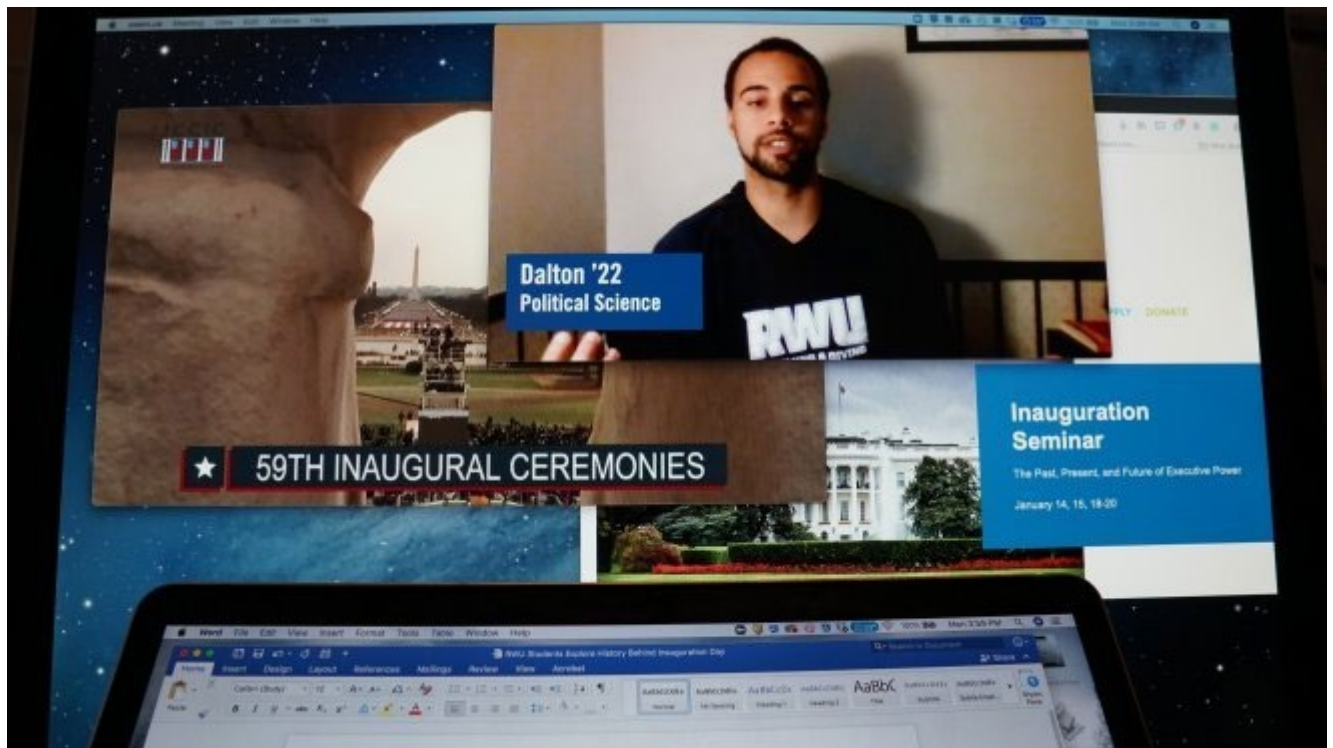


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BRISTOL, R.I. – The Inauguration was a big day in Washington, DC, but the week before it was on the calendar for a handful of interested RWU community members.

“The Inauguration was a huge part of history that we were all witnessing,” said junior Political Science student Dalton Sousa.

“Regardless of what party you’re in, a new president is always going to be a huge deal in history, especially at a moment like this in America,” Sousa said.

Interactive panels and presentations on the inauguration were hosted by the Public Leadership

Education Network and the Washington Internship Institute, an organization that manages RWU's Washington Program, which places students in experiences that relate to their interests. Attendees were able to learn more about the systems of government and their histories.

"Being informed about the processes and legitimacy of those in power is essential to maintain the stability of the system," said June Speakman, professor of Politics and International Relations, who attended the events with students. That access to balanced and researched information being the key to informed decision making.

"The Inauguration and the issues that are facing our country was something I really wanted to be a part of," said Sousa. "Roger Williams gave me a chance to be a part of that."