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Independent Study and Mentorship

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Organization is Key

Weekly Report 10/10 to 10/16

This week was mainly focused on reorganizing the content that I've had from the first eight weeks of ISM. My digital portfolio and binder had to be placed in the correct order and with a good quality presentation and aesthetically pleasing look. In order to build on the research that I have taken, I have gone to greater measures to create a balanced assessment of my experience between content and application of my field in pharmacy. The more knowledge I retain about pharmaceutical sciences will later aid me in future interviews and assessments. It will create a lasting impression onto professionals and allow to network more effectively. The other portion to a balance of content and style is the addition of presentation, by creating an interesting presence and making the audience want to continue listening to my speech or looking at my portfolio.

This week was considered a catch-up week in order to begin filing all of my weekly reports thus far into the year and my research assessments to be easily accessed into my digital portfolio. My four thank you cards for the professionals I interviewed at the Business Symposium were completed as to show my gratitude for those people to set aside their time and offer advice to high school students to improve their professionalism. Another contribution of the Business Symposium was reviewing the notes that I took during my interviews that gave me life

advice and how to improve the mannerisms I had in an interview setting. By looking through previous notes, reports, and assessments on various occupations within pharmacy and the information I have learned about the field has helped me reassess my goals for this course. I want to gain the hands-on experience in a clinical environment that will allow me to directly see the day-to-day life of a pharmacist.

By looking into different layouts for my website, I was able to discover what felt appropriate for the tone of my study and the science that was applied to it. I had to pick a style that could best display all of my information so far in the year and still have space as new topics are introduced in ISM. It would be for a greater purpose where over time I can look and easily see which areas I have already looked into and where I could expand the most into in order to make the most of my time in this course.

One minor detail to my week was being able to find clear sheet protectors. I spent nearly 3 hours going from store to store, looking for the correct clear 8-tab dividers for my portfolio in my binder. It felt like a miracle when I discovered the last packet of them in Office Depot. Even the little things in ISM contribute to a greater scheme of establishing professionalism and gaining the prestige among my community to reach my goals.

Next week, I hope to set up a few more interviews that are other than clinical pharmacists to get exposed to various aspects in pharmacy. This will aid me in my process of collecting a lot of data in order to specify which area of pharmaceutical sciences appeals to me the most.