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The Loooongest Break

Weekly Report 11/21 to 12/4

During these past three weeks, I have had time to reflect on my original work ideas and keep my other plans for the rest of my ISM assignments in the back of my mind to prepare for the upcoming Research Showcase and other work. While enjoying my Thanksgiving break and spending time with family, I was able to incubate my ideas and reflect on what the most interesting aspects of drug abuse in my study. Even though I did not complete any physical work, I know that when I begin my assessments, I will have thought through my information and studies to write a well-informed document.

Also, another important aspect of these past weeks has been asking one of my past interviewees for the possibility of becoming my mentor. I received a response as she was asking for my phone number to get more details on the ISM program as a whole and her potential role as a mentor. Therefore, in the near future, I hope to contact her to update the status of her opinions on becoming my mentor in order to get new opinions on my original work. Also, I have my sixth interview scheduled, in which I hope to steer the conversation towards my studies, instead of on the career qualities (as I already have ample information on various pharmacist careers).