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I Say Spring, You Say Break!

Weekly Report 2/27 to 3/12

During these two weeks, I had the opportunity to not only relax and take my mind off of school related projects and upcoming tests, but begin processing what my video for my final product should look like. I have some thought towards the preparation and tools I will need to make the video successful, such as: finding people with great acting skills, becoming aware of some other educational and humorous videos that give me even more inspiration, and researching opioid facts pertaining to a younger audience. Concerning my goals for this video, I will display my knowledge that I have gained during this year in ISM and convey my passion towards breaking the trend of drug abuse by starting with those that typically have not yet begun.

During spring break, I went to San Francisco, which was an amazing sight to see compared to the suburban life of Frisco. While visiting and walking through the streets, I saw only one opportunity for a retail pharmacist to work downtown- a CVS that looked to be not that popular. Also, I noticed that there was a large hospital that was somewhat close to the city with an included pharmacy; however, I do not believe that there was many other options for pharmacists to find a place of work. This is a contrast to me from what the increasing pharmacist job outlook is back at home, because there is at least one drugstore with a pharmacy on every road and small and large hospitals spread throughout North Texas. This change made me want to

rethink my future goals of living in the city as it might be difficult to find many opportunities to follow a career in pharmacy in an urban population. Not only do I feel more prepared for my final product by visiting a new city, I am more knowledgable about my personal goals and how I perceive my future career.