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Practiced, Practice, Practicing!

Weekly Report 4/10 to 4/16

During this week in ISM, my biggest feat was my Final Presentation Night rehearsal speech. Compared to the last time that I had a speech in class, I felt a lot more prepared. I spent more time gradually practicing and building up from my introduction, research, original work, mentor, and final product. By doing so, I realized that I placed my presentation in a chronological order, when I should have organized it based on topic and order of importance instead. My peers that viewed my speech gave me this advice and told me that my transitions between talking points would be smoother if I did it this way. I have also come to notice the amount that I stutter whenever I feel uncomfortable or become too overwhelmed in the moment. However, I know that this problem (along with the other presentational troubles I possess) can be solved if I continually practice until the big day comes.

For my next step in terms of FPN, I have to organize a time in which I can have an audience of at least 10 people in order to get more practice speaking in front of crowds. Throughout the year, each time I present has gotten stronger and my nerves have lessened, so I know this experience will be beneficial to my development. This is an accomplishment that I am proud of for tying in what I am interested in to something that can be impactful for my audience to learn and become aware of.