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Only Weeks to Go!

Weekly Report 4/24 to 4/30

During this past week in ISM, I have been preparing myself mentally for Final Presentation Night. By reflecting on the events that I need to accomplish before the end will better enable me to present my ISM story effectively to my audience. The timeline that Mr. Speice gave us as a group gives me a sense of structure for the baseline that is required. However, I know that personally, I need to add a few more events by adding finishing touches to my video, practice presenting it to my mentor, and getting it seen by middle schoolers. In terms of physical preparation, I need to practice my speech at least every other day in order to calm my nerves and become entirely familiar with the material that I will need to cover.

As the end of the year approaches, I am thinking back through all the experiences and professionalism that I have gained from being an ISM student. The poise that I have gained in interviews and the general knowledge will aid me in my short and long-term journeys. I will be sure to use these skills to build up confidence in who I want to become as my curiosity for the future continues to expand. No matter how often I say it, it will always be true: I am grateful for this class and the mental and emotional challenges that have allowed me to push myself in my search of finding myself.