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The Question is: Retail or Clinical?

Weekly Report 9/12 to 9/18

This week I accomplished completing tasks necessary for the start of interviews including the rough draft of my resume and my reference sheet that will be available upon request to my potential mentors. A resume is an essential part to building up a good base for relevant information in a chosen field in this course. However, I found it slightly difficult to find experiences and skills that relate to pharmacy, other than the medical classes I have taken in high school. However, this year will help me establish connections that will benefit me later on in future resumes or references.

Also, I practiced perfecting my cold calls towards professionals in the commercial pharmacy department. In the future, I want to begin to interview pharmacists in hospitals, like Baylor Scott and White Centennial Center or Children's Hospital and Drug Crafters in Frisco Square. On Friday, I called the CVS Pharmacy on Legacy and spoke to a pharmacy technician that will pass along information to a pharmacist working later on that day. Afterwards, I made a call to the Target Pharmacy on Eldorado and spoke to Dr. Adu, a commercial pharmacist, and scheduled an interview on Wednesday the 21st. I wrote her an email confirming our scheduled time and am waiting on a response for a check off. I plan to review my notes before next

Wednesday on my interview questions and ask other classmates and ISM 2 students from Frisco about advice that they have gotten about their previous personal experiences.

Next week, I hope to clarify the information I want to convey to the professionals, that way I can express the significance of this class to me and how their time would greatly benefit me as I would be receiving information about their career and how to improve my future interviews. I feel like this is specifically related to me as there are two different fields of pharmacy that deal with various situations. In commercial pharmacy settings, it requires skills in communication with coworkers and patients, while clinical pharmacy deals with drugs pertaining to what a hospital needs at a moment. That way when I build up my professional appearance internally and externally, I can present myself well to my number one place (Baylor Centennial Center) on my contact list.

Another asset to this week was a TED talk over fixed and growth mindset and how having a fixed mindset will stop one in their tracks, while those who are set on growth see how they can retrace their steps and improve for the future. Mr. Speice said that in this class ISM students would experience failure, which is to be expected, and so we must adapt to a situation and learn to accept criticism that can better prepare us later on. Also, in our AP Lang course we discussed the viewpoints of how those with a fixed mindset value intelligence and focus on failures, while those with a growth mindset focuses on improving themselves and trying the best that they can no matter the outcome.