

Failure

Independent Study Mentorship

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Throughout my brief history in ISM already, I've only had to overcome minor obstacles such as formatting an essay or figuring out how to compose a proper resume. However, this week proved to be a frustrating combination of snappy receptionists and forgetful doctors. As I leave this week I hope that I've taken with me a better understanding on how to deal with failure, especially considering I am still failing.

Initially I was super excited that I had taken the initiative to be one of the first people in my class to obtain an interview with a local vet clinic. This excitement was soon followed by worry. The confidence I had built up from having an early interview was demolished by the continuous rejection I faced. Each class and many hours after school I spent calling professionals in hope of landing an interview with a gracious professional, however rejection seemed inescapable. My current ratio of interviews to phone calls is one to about thirteen. This has been very hard to overcome but after reflecting over the weekend I think I can be thankful for some skills I built up this week.

After calling early two dozen professionals in one week, I can look back and be thankful that I now have an ease of conscience when calling an office. With all the "practice" I gained this week I now have become more efficient and professional when calling someone to seek out an interview. Additionally, I was able to experiment with different ways in acquiring contact information. Some businesses wished to be emailed while others wanted a phone call, this helped me work on my tone within an email as well as a phone call.

Overall, this week leaves me asking myself what different ways that I can make my proposition to professionals as being more creative; what can I say to intrigue professionals to look past a seemingly boring school assignment. Looking into the future I hope that I attain success but I can be thankful for the perseverance I gained this week.