

Preparing Passion

Independent Study Mentorship

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As we approach the final days before the ISM research showcase, a lot of tasks have made their way through my to-do list. Not only does preparing for the showcase mean that you have to prepare materials such as a presentation board, resume, and portfolio, but you also need to be mentally prepared. With the majority of my physical work accomplished for the showcase, my focus last week was geared towards mentality.

At the showcase I will have to speak to grandparents, elementary school students, and strangers about something I am passionate about. This is a daunting task. How does a person appeal to a group of people that covers all spectrums of intellect and interests. As I struggled to come up with a game plan for my approach to showcase night I remembered something I heard from the popular movie La La Land, "People love things people are passionate about". So that is what I decided to focus on; showing people how passionate I am about my love for animals and curiosity for veterinary medicine.

Moving forward I will have to contemplate how I will exactly show this passion to others, will I speak louder, smile bigger, or cry tears of joy? Who knows, but I plan on moving forward through the week preparing myself mentally for the great task of sharing my passion with other people who may or may not be interested at all.