

End of Semester

Independent Study Mentorship

Weekly Report 17: January 8- January 12, 2018

After a week of intense preparation and evaluation, it is satisfying to look back at the work accomplished and future possibilities. A clear picture can be formed now to show what my successes and failures were in the first semester.

Some of the successes I can be proud of are the attainment of a mentor, development of a diverse portfolio, and accumulation of research. Beginning the semester I didn't know how to pick up a phone and call an adult or how to find credible information regarding my subject. Now I am meeting with my mentor regularly and have a developed portfolio with credible research. This week I focused on putting all of these accomplishments together in a consolidated portfolio to showcase to the public.

In order to do this I had to update my website and put together my mentors information and my own onto my website. This included information regarding my weekly reports, original work, and mentor bio. This will be very valuable to have at my showcase because it will show the public the information that I've cover with research and how I obtained my mentor.

In order to present information at the showcase to the public, people actually need to come to the showcase. This meant that I had to reach out to teachers and family members and ask for them to come to my showcase. This was a great opportunity to explain what ISM is to people who may be unfamiliar with it. By doing this, it also forced me to practice explaining my topic to people who have no idea what I am doing. This will be similar to the experience I will have at the showcase as many people may not be aware of what I am studying. Overall, this week prepared me in explaining my research to others who may not understand what it is.