

Endurance

Independent Study Mentorship

Weekly Report 14: December 4- December 8, 2017

Last week was a whirlwind in all honesty. With the winter break approaching rapidly, its been overwhelming looking at the long to-do list that seems to be multiplying itself by the second. This list included the challenge of finding a mentor, completing interview assessments, updating a website, self-evaluating my research speech, and much more. Essentially, this week taught me about endurance and looking at the bigger picture.

I often found myself getting caught up on taking care of minor details such as how to make the font seamless on my website and how I could organize my essays formulaically. Although I was getting useful work done, it wasn't correctly prioritized. I should have been focusing on tackling the larger jobs such as gaining a mentor or completing my portfolio before the break. This took a lot of grit because it was hard to separate myself from what was easiest to do and what was most needed to do. However, I was able to achieve this balance after fighting due dates all week. Just this evening (Monday night) I officially attained a mentor after realizing all the other assignments I had weren't as time sensitive as the need for a mentor. Plus, all the work that I had been doing was structured to impress a mentor and be used while working alongside them.

On top of the great responsibility of attaining mentor, I was challenged with making sure I was adding to my original work log throughout the week. Looking back at the rushed and flustered work I put in towards my work this week, it has caused me to reflect upon the strategy as to which I should tackle my work with. Before I was just randomly looking up information and throwing it onto a database without any sort of planning. This caused confusion and clutterdness to my work. I plan on creating a strategy for how I want to achieve each part of my work the rest of the winter in order to ensure that my work is detailed and neat.

Going forward, I learned from this week to look at the bigger picture and plan ahead for the work I need to complete. If I stay stuck in the moment for my original work, it will never grow into something bigger in the future.