

Start Off With a Bang

Independent Study Mentorship

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It's satisfying to complete a six weeks in one piece, but what's even better is beginning a new marking period with a bang. With a new chapter beginning in ISM it only seemed logical to take all the skills I've accumulated so far and implement them in a real life scenario. This is what guided me through Business Symposium and my first interview.

Reflecting on the seemingly chaotic afternoon that occurred last week, some improvements and compliments can be noted. For instance, I can be proud that I displayed a calm cool and collected persona amidst a room full of professionals and posed thoughtfully specific questions for each individual. Although I portrayed adequate professionalism, there is definite room to improve. In the future it is important that I remember to return the question that is being asked of me; I found myself often wanting to trail away from the question being asked in order to talk about something I am more interested in.

Taking these thoughts with me to an interview with Dr. Jessica Cohen at Legacy Animal Hospital the next day, I found myself more at ease than before. Preparing for the interview, in hindsight, seems to be the most challenging part of the interview process. A tornado of worry was about in my head as I attempted to absorb every detail about the person I was interviewing; where did they go to college? What is their specialization? What questions should I ask them based on their experience? The good news though is that once entering the actual interview, things took their course naturally and I had a fantastic experience for my first interview.

Concludingly, this week was a myriad of opportunities and challenges that stretched and tested the skills I thought I knew. Looking back, it is notable that I will need to continue researching any professional I'm interviewing in order to have a good conversation with them and it is important that I prepare my questions in an order that seems to flow well instead of bouncing around from topic to topic. This six weeks has already presented itself as being one for challenges and growth.