

## Keep Going; You've Only Just Begun

Independent Study Mentorship

Weekly Report 8: October 9–October 13, 2017

This week of ISM included a lot of preparation and planning. After creating SMART goals, a systematic approach towards goal setting, I wanted to hit the ground running with plans for success; even though I achieved my goals, I didn't want to stop there. Within the SMART goals I created for myself this six weeks, I mentioned that I wanted to expand my network in order to attain more interviews which will provide me with opportunities for a mentor. This was my main focus this week: to expand my network.

The first source I reached out to in order to expand my network was Google. Just by searching for vet clinics near me I was able to find the information of dozens of doctors in the area. Looking back at this surprising success, it motivates me to use my resources so that in the future I can take advantage of the opportunities in the area. Once I found these resources locally I decided to continue my search.

With names and companies noted, I went to LinkedIn to find the details about these professionals and how I may contact them. Initially, this was frustrating as many people didn't have information listed about themselves therefore leaving me clueless about who to contact. This is something I'll have to work on throughout the semester, especially if I happen to interview with the professional and cannot find information about them.

Ultimately, this week didn't come across as very significant, however it served as an opportunity for growth. With this new blank space given to me at the beginning of the six weeks it has motivated me to use the skills I've attained and further push myself to gain new skills.