

Weekly Report 28

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Getting Ready

This week in ISM was important in the aspect of preparing to for Final Presentation Night even though it is a month away. Being able to see how far the project has come thus far has been interesting as it seems as though so much work has been done that is it surprising that is almost over. It is a bit nerve-racking as there still is some work and fine-tuning to ensure that it represents the project and service dog training in an interesting, informative way. There also needs to be some work done on the presentation skills; presentations in the past have not been as successful as hoped, so working on these skills is drastically important.

The first part of the Final Presentation Night project that has been turned in is the invitation. This was quite enjoyable, as being creative with how to display service dog training so it becomes exciting and others will find an interest in it as well. This will also be helpful when the final presentation is given in order to keep the audience, which is larger than any other group that I have spoken to, interested in the subject. Writing a descriptive outline for what will be talked about during the presentation is necessary to make sure that every important point is talked about. An outline will also provide structure to how the presentation goes; this has been something that I have struggled with in past speeches. The lack of structure made it difficult to follow what was needed to talk about regarding research, interviews, and mentor visits. Having a good way to balance information as well as interesting stories and facts about service dog training will help the speech flow from beginning to end.

Overall, it will be beneficial to refresh on my soft skills before Final Presentation Night. Combing everything that has been learned this year to create something that will set up the future. Practice will make perfect and as long as there is a focus on my work the presentation will exceed expectations.