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From Start To Middle

The Final Product has been a learning experience thus far. It has been difficult to find time to work on the website, so time management has been a skill that has become necessary. Creating a business website is not something that was expected to require a large amount of time, and it is pretty simple but dynamic at the same time because of the large amount of information that has to be included. It is interesting to see how much work has been done as well as seeing how much my soft skill have improved from the beginning of the year to now.

The project I began with was to write out a training manual for Tyler's Training, the service dog training company created for the original work. This was then changed to writing out a sample training plan for an individual with a psychiatric disorder because I did not want to include all of the information for the entire company and how training procedures would work on the website. After speaking with my mentor, Maureen Bennett, this was changed to an outline of what would happen in each class. Similar to the training manual, the sample training plan would give step by step information about how to training a service dog, taking away the purpose of needing a trainer. Bennett explained that the class outline would show prospective students what a 50 class program would look like without including all of the information. The outline has not been difficult to work on since I already have some of the class plans written out from the training manual and sample training plan. Bennett also sent me one of the sample

outlines that she used when she started her company, so I could see what should and should not be included in the outline. She also explained that it should not have too much information, and should really just show what will be worked on and when.

Unlike the training outline, the website has not caused any difficulty. After searching through a large number of website builders Wix was chosen because of how efficient it can be to make a website from start to finish. A simple layout was chosen that does not have a lot of excessive pages, as well as including calm colors because finding out information about how to aid psychiatric disorders can be a difficult experience. I have spent most of my time attempting to create the best training outline that the website has been pushed to the side, but now that there is a good outline more progress on the website has begun. This has been the most rewarding part of the Final Product because I enjoy being able to be creative with the formatting of the website.

I have been able to stay mostly on track with the project, but because of difficulties surround the training outline the dog training has not begun. The dog I am going to use to film training examples has been worked with a little, but most of the training will begin once the majority of the website is finished. Stella, the dog that is being used for the video, is already trained, so I just need to build off of what she can do with the techniques that have been learned from Bennett and research. The training will be the most rewarding part of the project because I will finally be able to put off the work that has been learned throughout the year into effect. Being able to incorporate my filming and editing background in to project will show that I have a wide variety of skills and will benefit me the future, and help me get hired in any field that works with animals.

Overall, I do feel as though the project has mostly matched the calendar. There was some procrastination at the beginning, but finding time every day to some work has been a priority. I feel as though this the Final Product process has been rewarding in multiple ways. I have been able to gain more knowledge on how to run a business in the 21st century with technology as the main focus, as well as how to balance all of the class being taken and outside activities with working on the project.