

Weekly Report 5  
9/17-9/23

### Improvements

This week in ISM was a memorable one but still one of good work. The focus has still been to progress in areas that will provide the most success when meeting and speaking to professionals. Two things that are most important, but likely not practiced/ worked on would be the resume and handshake. Both of these need improvement before the interviews and business symposium. Having a better resume and handshake will aid in making a positive first impression on professionals and hopefully make connections that will last beyond this year.

The resume has been a difficult to complete and make organized and professional. The first draft had quality information but lack a proper structure. It was difficult to read with poor font choices and the color scheme did not show a high level of professionalism; it was “too” colorful and the bright yellows and blues distracted from the content of the resume. To improve upon this the final resume will contain muted colors that still fit the color scheme as well as proper organization so anyone reading the resume will understand more about me without having to look for what they need. Creating something that provides good information and has professional layout will help in the search more mentor as they will not expect a high school student to have such a high level piece of work. The goal is for the professionals to want to work with me and hopefully with a better resume they will want to continue helping me in the future, especially because service dog training is such niche field.

The art of the handshake is most likely the thing that I am the worst at. Overall, strength needs to be improved as nobody wants someone with a weak handshake. Having a handshake that is firm shows a mutually respect between the person. My weak handshake will limit my ability to get a mentor as I don't show that I am confident in myself. Practice is the only way to improve on this skill. The goal is to be able to present myself in a way that respectful in confident so professionals want to meet and get interviewed.

The next area of the class that will improve these skills in business symposium. At this event I need to showcase my skills as a high level student. Although it will be difficult to talk to professionals about service dog training knowledge can still be showcased. This will be the beginning in seeing what professional will want to see. Having interviewed for jobs in the past, the prior knowledge can be used as a foundation. Overall I hope to be able to make connections with some of the individuals that will last after the one interview.