

Weekly report 8
10/8-10/14

The First of Many

This week in ISM was the first time experiencing a real interview. I was able to speak with two individuals in the dog training field. One obedience trainer and one service dog trainer. It was an amazing experience getting to learn from two people who both on their own companies and have become successful in the field of dog training.

The first interview that was conducted showed the things that need to be worked on for the interviews that following. Eye contact need to be maintained throughout the whole conversation in order to show the professional being interviewed that they are the main focus. It was difficult to take quality notes and remain focused on the interview, but being prepared with the questions, and writing only important information while the professional is talking can allow for a more personal experience. This can translate into better note taking strategies for college as most classes are lectures.

By the second interview it become conversational. Instead of asking the interview questions, it conversation about the person's life which made the whole experience more intimate and a connection was made. The goal is for every interview to be like that in order to create a lasting impact on both ends. For the future it would be better to have both a learning and personal experience not one or the other, but continuing to talk to people will improve communication. Conducting prior research to ask more individualist questions will also be beneficial not just in ISM interviews.

Overall, the interview process allowed me to learn how to conduct myself better. It is beneficial to learn from people as they have experience that cannot be recreated from reading an essay. Continue to study and improve soft skills will ultimately make every interview after the first one better. These skills need be maintained so that I continue to have professional etiquette as a transition is made into professional world after high school.