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The Countdown Begins

Weekly report 4/09/18 to 4/15/18

As Final Presentation Night gets closer and closer, ISM is in full swing in order to prepare for final product presentations. This week, I spent the majority of my time on the data analysis process and working on my survey analysis paper.

So far, the data analysis process is running smoothly and I am happy to announce that I am almost finished with this process. Over the past two weeks, I have been t-testing my data and I have found some really interesting trends. For example, girls tend to be more conscientious and neurotic than boys, and GT students have higher openness levels than non-GT students. To finish up the data analysis process, all I need to do is finish t-testing the data for trends in birth order and extracurricular activities. These results should be very interesting and I am looking forward to discovering new findings.

I also continued working on my paper this week. I am now almost done with my abstract and my introduction. Due to the fact that my final product is very similar to my original work, I have been able to reuse certain excerpts from my fall paper. However, because I am aspiring to become a published author, I will need to make sure that I am extremely thorough while writing this paper. As a result, this new paper will need to be more well-written and detailed than my original work paper.

Earlier this week, I was disappointed to learn that I would not be allowed to present my research at the Collin College student research conference. Due to the fact that I am not currently enrolled as a full-time or dual-credit student at Collin College, my application was denied acceptance. Although this opportunity did not work out for me, I know that there will be other opportunities in the future. Perhaps I will be able to share my results at an FISD school board meeting.

On Thursday next week, Reedy Orchestra and Reedy Choir will be leaving for the annual fine arts trip and we will be traveling all the way to Disney World in Orlando! I am extremely excited for this trip, especially because my 17th birthday falls on the day that we arrive at Epcot. Due to the amount of time we will be spending traveling and at the parks, I am not sure how productive this week will be. However, I am going to do my best to get as much work done as I can before I leave for Florida.

Over the course of the next week, I plan to finish up my data analysis by t-testing birth order and extracurricular activities. I also hope to continue writing my paper and to begin writing and practicing my speech for Final Presentation Night. Additionally, I hope to have a safe and fun experience at Disney World this week and to allow myself to take a break from all of the recent stress I have been experiencing. Everything is crazy right now, but I know that I will be able to get through it and learn from all of these experiences.

Accomplished this week:

- Continued t-testing data
- 10th mentor visit with Professor Meyer
- Continued writing paper

Goals for next week:

- Finish data analysis
- Continue writing paper
- Begin working on speech for Final Presentation Night
- Have fun and be safe at Disney World!