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Glass Half Full

Weekly Report 1/03/18 to 1/07/18

This was a great week in ISM! I was very productive and I am feeling confident and optimistic about my original work and the upcoming Research Showcase.

This week, I am excited to announce that I officially selected and secured a mentor for the rest of my year in ISM. After a lot of thinking, I decided to ask Professor Tracy Meyer if she would be willing to be my mentor. Professor Meyer is a psychology professor at Collin College. Dr. Meyer was the eighth professional that I met with on an ISM interview. During the interview, Dr. Meyer was very kind and welcoming. She was able to offer me a lot of advice for my original work, a lot of which I was able to incorporate into my project. On Friday, January 5, I sent her an email inquiring about the mentorship, and she happily agreed. Having a mentor has really lifted a lot of the stress I was feeling. I am now more reassured in my journey. I am really excited for the next semester, and I cannot wait to begin working with Professor Meyer.

I also began some more Research Showcase preparations. I began passing my invitations out to my friends, family, and teachers. The majority of the people I invited have said they will be able to attend. This makes me happy to see all of the support that Reedy ISM kids are

receiving this year. Additionally, I began working on my Showcase board display. Although somewhat tedious, this task was a lot more fun than I had originally anticipated. It was neat to start from scratch and see it all come together. I also really like how my color scheme blends together to create an aesthetically pleasing board.

Next week, I hope to finalize my website for showcase and finish passing out invitations. I want to try and get more interview assessments written in order to avoid stress in the future. I will also make some last preparations for Research Showcase, including editing and revising my survey analysis and passing out invitations. I am super optimistic about the next few weeks and I cannot wait to see my hard work pay off.

Accomplished this week:

- Secured a mentor
- Started passing out invitations
- Mostly completed Showcase board display

Goals for Next Week:

- Finalize physical and digital portfolios
- Finish board display
- Edit and make final changes to survey analysis
- Write interview assessments