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Independent Study and Mentorship

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Updates and Forward Thinking

Assessment 16- Mentor Visit

Mentor: Dr. Carey Brooks

Profession: Optometrist (O.D.)

Location: Frisco Eye Source

8049 Preston Rd Ste 200, Frisco, TX 75034

Date: January 15, 2019

Time: 8:15am

Assessment:

This Mentor Visit was the second experience I had had with Dr. Carey Brooks, regarding the Original Work and how things have been progressing. This meeting was a great opportunity for the both of us to catch up on what was completed over winter break, what still needs adjustments, and what will occur during Research Showcase. In our conversations we were trying to conclude the Original Work, detangle any confusion on the mission, and attempt to picture a successful Final Product for the Spring.

The first topic talked about was the progress of the Original Work, along with connecting with contacts over the long break. At this point I had contacted the principal at Fisher Elementary School and also got in contact with an individual associated with the

McKinney Noon Lions Club. When communicating between the two, the idea of the Eyeglasses Drive was approved overall, and both the school and the McKinney organization were willing to work with me. Over the break, emailing was the main source of talking and was absolutely essential because any additional details was needed for further confirmation. When looking over the progress with Dr. Carey Brooks, the next steps were to try to figure out how to reach out to other schools, nonetheless the community.

While continuing to wrestle through this idea of a drive and attempting to make it a reality, my mentor and I had the chance to solidify some dates and organize more thoroughly how this project would play out. This allowed the both of us to predict what would essentially be successful and what would hopefully work, by the time the drive rolled around. All of this brainstorming and connecting for the Original Work would basically help and prepare for the Eyeglasses Drive to be successful in March. This was both difficult and exciting in that the drive is difficult to build up and pull off from scratch, but also brings the community together and helps other people in need around the world.

Not only is it rewarding to see all the hard work fall into place, but the dedication and commitment to my topic would soon be displayed at Research Showcase. During the Mentor Visit, I introduced Dr. Brooks to my website and navigated her through where all my work would be published and put on display. Additionally, final details were reviewed, in preparation of Research Showcase at The Star, the following day. Research Showcase would allow me to show the community what I've been working on the last semester, along with introducing Dr. Carey Brooks.

To end the Mentor Visit, Dr. Brooks and I predicted the next steps for the Final Product. With the Original Work practically finished, there would soon be an easy transition into the Final Product. The Final Product would be hosting an Eyeglasses Drive in various elementary schools, eventually sending the glasses to people in need around the globe. This would involve collecting donation bags and boxes, communicating with at least ten elementary schools, and traveling around Frisco in order to get the kids inspired to donate and help make a difference for people around the world.

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