

Product Progress Assessment

The Final Product:

For the Final Product, there are multiple components that go into the project as a whole. To begin, an Eyeglasses Drive is implemented into at least ten elementary schools in Frisco, with the initial goal of collecting 1,000 glasses over the course of three weeks in March. The second piece of the product is to go to Watauga, Texas to help package and screen the eyeglasses. The glasses will be sent to individuals in need, with the help of the McKinney Noon Lions Club. The final piece of the Final Product is writing an article that explains what the drive was, which schools were involved, how many glasses were raised, and how this event has brought together hundreds of students across Frisco ISD. Additionally, this article will be a display to the public and FISD on how this drive could potentially be an event that happens yearly, that could both benefit people around the globe and local students across Frisco. These three parts show that a lot of additional scheduling, planning, and connecting must occur before these events become a success. There are various miniature parts that must be completed first before the large picture is finally set in place and shared with others.

Progress:

Thus far through the Final Product work, the Eyeglasses Drive is complete and the next steps are visiting Watauga and working on the article over time, before the May 13th deadline. The Eyeglasses Drive wrapped up with collecting all the frames from all the schools, and counting up the grand total. While preparing for the drive, collection bags and boxes were donated from a local Market Street and the McKinney Noon Lions Club,

resulting in the supplies for the drive being free of cost. By gearing the drive more toward elementary schools, the kids would be more willing to donate, especially if there was a reward or motive behind which grade could donate the most. After contacting elementary schools and gaining approval from the principals, flyers for each school were created and made specific to how the principal, nurse, or school counselors wanted to advertise the drive. Each school had the freedom to advocate for the drive as much or as little as they pleased. While preparing and concluding the Eyeglasses Drive, driving to each school was required in order to make sure that all needs were addressed, each campus knew the purpose of the drive, and all the glasses were collected, personally by me. Going to each school and seeing the kids, how many glasses they collected, being in the morning announcements, Friday assemblies, or weekly newsletters, proves that the drive is taking off and people are beginning to recognize me and what my cause is.

Successes/ Difficulties:

Throughout experiencing my Final Product, there have definitely been some very successful and great weeks. However, throughout this journey there have also been a few unproductive weeks where obstacles have truly tested how I am able to adapt and keep up with the fast pace. Difficulties have included knowing where to start. The drive was practically made from scratch, so the ability to make an idea into a reality calls for plenty of communication and bouncing ideas back and forth. Choosing a time frame and ensuring that everything will fit was also another challenge that was faced. When in a short time frame, it is hard to keep up with all eleven schools, especially if each school is altering the drive in their own way. These rough patches have taught me overall that in order to make an idea a

reality, starting small is the best and only way to expand into something beyond what you thought you were capable of. Keeping up with all the schools, progressing in plans, and transferring that information to other people is essential to what I am doing for my drive because this portion requires bringing together elementary students, their families, and the community. Even though there have been some difficulties in the Final Product, there have also been many successful moments, one of which includes raising over 6,700 glasses. The drive has been more successful than I would have ever anticipated. With my goal being to raise 1,000 eyeglasses, the drive bypassed this expectation fully, thanks to the help of the elementary schools, students, friends, and local companies. Additionally, success in my Final Product also includes working together with Mrs. Walker at Lifestyle Frisco, to collaborate on an article talking about my drive and the journey I've had in ISM. Writing a piece and getting it published would be a new and exciting challenge to encounter, but would also be something different and a great end to my Final Product.

Reflection:

Overall, I know that I am on the right track with the Final Product because everything has been following the calendar. This calendar is a simple reminder that there are deadlines and while the end of the year is coming to an end, there is a timeline to follow in order for everything to be done. I am pleased with my progress in my Final Product because I feel that the progression of my project has been constant and nonstop. One concern that I had, however, was the fast pace leading up to the start of the drive. Emailing all the schools, the McKinney Noon Lions Club, preparing everything and all the materials, and ensuring that everything would run smoothly, was very stressful. Once the drive had started, none of

the schools had any issues and things were beginning to lighten up, workload wise. Now that the drive is completely done, I am so proud to say that all the schools collected over 6,700 glasses. This success is far more than I anticipated, considering my original goal was 1,000 glasses. I am pleased to say that the hard work and planning that has gone into the stressful weeks is officially starting to pay off. I cannot emphasize enough how grateful I am for all the schools that participated, and any friends and family that also donated. This drive would still just be a simple idea if it weren't for the people I have been working with over the course of at least three months.

What's Left:

Now that the main chunk of my Final Product is done and the ISM year is coming to a close, the next couple of steps will be far less complicated, but rather more enjoyable. At the end of April, my mentor and I will be traveling to Watauga, Texas to sort through all the eyeglasses and get them ready to be sent off to people in need. This event will be exciting because I will get to meet members of the McKinney Noon Lions Club, along with committee members and individuals who have heard about my work. This is a unique opportunity because I will not only be spending time with my mentor, but also using tools that an optometrist would use. For the last part of my Final Product, I will be writing an article and getting it published through Lifestyle Frisco. Being able to do this is amazing and I am so excited to share my work and get published for the first time! Ideally, this article will be physical reminder for not only the Frisco community, but also me. With hard work, organization, connections, and simply trying new things, these features can lead to surprising results. The progress and success I have had in this course is simply astonishing and I am so

honored to be a part of a program that gives me a platform to do large projects that not many seniors in high school get to do. The experiences so far have been unreal and I am pleased to leave Reedy on a positive note, with a large impact.