

Crazy Schedule. Eyes Alert.
Weekly Report 1/14/19 to 1/20/19

This week has been extremely busy. However, coming into the week, there were goals set in order to ensure that everything ran smoothly. With my Mentor Visit being the day before Research Showcase, I wanted to make sure that my mentor was aware of everything and how the evening would play out at The Star. Additionally, with one of the largest events of the year for ISM, I wanted to invite as many people as possible to Research Showcase. Since I would also have a Reedy Tennis tournament on Friday and I would be missing the entire day of school, I had to make sure that my assessment for the week was completed, as I would immediately go to a church retreat after the tournament. Overall, the week was chaos, but everything seemed to work out in some way.

With the second Mentor Visit, I was able to explain to Dr. Brooks what I officially did for my Original Work, along with how things would play out at Research Showcase. This meeting was successful in that we were able to have plenty of conversation about the next steps to Final Product and the plan for my second semester. With the Mentor Visit immediately came the Research Showcase at The Star. This event was incredible because not only were we at The Star, but students were also allowed to mingle and catch up with any other fellow ISM students. Being in an environment where everyone is passionate about something is truly rewarding because students care about their future and are willing to put in hard work to achieve their ambitions. While at The Star, many friends and family members stopped by and were interested to hear about what I am learning so far in ISM. Most people were astonished to how much research and work has gone into my studies, along with how I plan to impact the community in a positive way.

With Reedy Tennis having a tournament of Friday, this would mean I would not be at school the entire day, and would need to complete my assessment before hand and catch up on any work I would miss. The goal was to finish the assessment, however with the crazy schedule for this week, the assessment was written during the tournament and did not turn out as expected. For next week, there is also another tournament, but I will need to ensure that this assessment is different and is properly written and completed in time, in order to produce quality work.

Looking back on this week, the schedule was insane but a lot of good things happened. Research Showcase was a huge success, in the tournament I got second place, I went on a church retreat over the weekend, and on Friday night I found out I was admitted to my first choice college, the University of Texas at Austin! I am beyond thrilled and I can't wait to see where second semester takes me in ISM and life!