

Eyes on the Prize

Weekly Report 10/8/18 to 10/14/18

Coming into this shortened week, there was a scheduled interview on Tuesday with Dr. Carlee Young. The interview was successful in that during that time, we were able to discuss topics regarding optometry and there was new information brought up that further added to previous research. While Dr. Young answered the prepared questions, she went in depth with her answers, which provided for good notes. Additionally, Dr. Young stated both surprising and interesting new information. During the interview, we were able to have conversations beyond the standard questions that Dr. Young was required to answer. Ironically, Dr. Young was a part of the first graduating class of Centennial High School, and did a similar program to ISM, when she was my age. To conclude the interview, Dr. Young provided me with a tour of the office, where I was able to see the various rooms and where all the materials and tools were stored. Being the first interview, this experience was amazing because it allowed for more confirmation as to why I should and could see myself as an optometrist. Being passionate about a job is the ideal goal, and Dr. Young evidently displayed her love for what she does on a daily basis.

This week's work ethic was spot on because the Digital Portfolio was completed on time and the basics were put on the website. With the website, many changes still need to occur, such as fixing the color scheme and images. However, considering technology can be a difficult component in the Digital Portfolio, the fact that the website was successfully composed is a large accomplishment in itself. Also this week, the final draft of the resume was due. The resume that was turned in was a product that was neat, colorful, and edited multiple times. The final resume product that was turned in had a lot of hard work put into it and is something that I am proud of.

Going into next week, the goal is to try to schedule another interview with an optometrist. This past week the persistence shown was consistent and thorough. Entering next week, the idea is to maintain that drive and continue to give cold-calls and follow-up calls. Hopefully an interview will be scheduled, that way a Research Assessment does not have to be written. However, if research must be done, it will most likely be centered around the differences in pediatric and adult optometry. Lastly, this week is the last week that is provided to brainstorm any ideas for the Original Work. Ideally the goal is to have a few ideas in mind for the Original Work. This will be done by trying to create some ideas based off of the notes and new knowledge gained from the first interview.