

Look and See What I Did This Week!

Weekly Report 11/26/18 to 12/2/18

This week, after the holiday break, the initial goal was to complete one interview. In addition to this, an Interview Assessment needed to be written as well. With the interview scheduled on the Monday after break, the schedule for ISM was fast paced for the week, with a lot of tasks to complete.

At the interview, I spoke with Dr. Carey Brooks. Dr. Brooks started her own practice about six months ago, and runs her business with her family. While talking to her, it was evident that she loved what she does for a living and values her patients. Dr. Brooks truly took her time with the interview, and gave as much, insight, advice, and knowledge as possible. Toward the end of the interview, Dr. Brooks gave her perspective on the Original Work proposal idea. She said that the idea was amazing and would definitely help the community, specifically elementary school children, in a positive way. With that, Dr. Brooks was kind enough to offer any help with the Original Work, give me contacts, and connect with other local optometrists, to see what they think about the Original Work idea. Overall, this interview was a success and Dr. Brooks is a potential mentor.

In addition to speaking with Dr. Brooks, an over the phone interview was scheduled and conducted on Wednesday. Dr. Jones was able to answer all of the questions presented to her, and was also able to give advice, regarding young adults entering the optometry field. After the phone interview, new touches on the Digital Portfolio were made, along with new additions to the Binder Portfolio. Lastly, to end the week, new optometrists were contacted in hopes of a fifth, and final interview.

Considering two interviews were put together this week and the work ethic was consistent and strong, especially during a busy and time consuming week back at school, I am pleased with my progress in ISM. At this point, now that a professional has confirmed my ideas and is willing to help in the Original Work process, hours can now begin to be logged. In order to construct a successful Original Work piece, research and extensive planning will need to be accomplished, including what steps to take, who to contact, and any other legal work involved. It is vital that at least twelve hours is put into the Original Work, however, it is probable that more than the minimum hours will be put into this project. In order for the Final Product to be successful, the Original Work must be intensely detailed and fully thought through.

For next week, there are multiple assignments due, including an assessment and the Self Evaluation form from Research Presentations. Ideally, the assessment will be completed

in class, which should relieve some stress, overall. Going into this week, multiple goals stand, including completing at least four hours of Original Work progress, solidifying a mentor, writing three Interview Assessments, and scheduling a fifth interview. By getting ahead in the Interview Assessments, more time can be set aside for the Original Work, rather than writing assessments during class.