

Looking in the Right Direction
Weekly Report 9/24/18- 9/30/18

Coming into this week, the plan was to have multiple articles to reference in the Research Assessment assigned. However, after thorough reading and research, there was one article that had all of the information that was desired to complete the paper. This single article included background information on eyeglasses and the various types of glass and frames, as well as information about how optometrists diagnose the perfect prescription for their patients. Although the outcome of the assessment was not as planned and only contained one annotated article, this piece of text fulfilled the requirements that were set for this week's paper.

In addition to writing another Research Assessment this week, final drafts of resumes were due, along with making cold calls. Considering this was the first time cold calls were being made, it was normal to be a little timid and nervous. However, at least three cold calls were conducted and huge progress was made. Making cold calls was the next step forward in ISM, and I am excited that I was able to jump that obstacle and overcome the anxiousness that went along with it. Making the calls were not as nerve-racking as it seemed. For most of the calls, I gave my personal information to the secretary of the office, which would then be passed down to the optometrist I was requesting. Also, considering all the people that picked up the phone sounded young and feminine, it seemed easier to talk to them over the phone. Overall, I am proud of being one of the first individuals in ISM I to confidently make cold calls.

As I continue to make the final preparations for Business Symposium, this coming Wednesday, I look forward to meeting professionals and making new contacts with different adults in the community. Business Symposium is an important event for all ISM students across the district, and I am excited to see what opportunities and experiences come with it. Going into next week, the goal is to stay on task and finish strong on my last Research Assessment. Also, it will be essential that the Topic Proposal is completed as soon as possible, considering both this and the assessment are due on the same day. Considering there is no school on Friday, the goal is to finish both my last Research Assessment and the Topic Proposal well in advance, so it does not become a concern on Friday. Lastly, the goal for this week is to get at least one interview. I will achieve this by staying consistent and making follow-up calls to my contacts. This week has been successful and I am heading in the right direction, which is what I intend to continue throughout this next week too.