

## Vision Coming Together

### Weekly Report 11/5/18 to 11/11/18

Coming into this week, the initial goal was to get in contact with other local professional optometrists, along with preparing well for the Research Presentation. With the intention of scheduling another interview, this was not feasible because of the busy workload from last week. With thinking about the newly written Original Work proposal and preparing for the presentation, coming around to making new cold calls did not happen. Instead, I was able to come up with a presentation that broadcasted my research, proving my knowledge I have learned over the past few months.

Overall, the performance of the Research Presentation went really well, better than the Introductory Speech last presented in ISM. For the first time in ISM, a sense of organization was present. Being able to physically put all the research into one clean and crisp PowerPoint, allowed me to feel a sense of pride and accomplishment. While preparing for this speech, the one factor that scared me the most was the time requirement. The fact that I had to stand in front of a group of people and give a ten to twelve minute presentation was intimidating. However, after accomplishing this obstacle, it was convincing to think that now all the work out into ISM thus far is starting to come together for the first time. It is satisfying to know that the Research Presentation was accomplished with minimal words and many pictures and graphics on the slideshow. Also, the fact that I was able to perform the speech without notecards solidified that I am capable for the challenging aspects of ISM. This experience was nerve racking yet beneficial because hearing the feedback from both ISM I and ISM II students really helped grasp a perspective on how the performance went, in the eyes of the audience.

Lately, the process to start up the Original Work project has been slow and confusing. As of right now, it is difficult to decide where and how to start. By scheduling a conference with Mr. Speice and working through some of the adjusted ideas that have been brought up, the goal is to begin the Original Work piece over Fall break. This week will allow for me to recollect my thoughts and truly knock out some things on the "ISM To-do List". Additionally, from here on out, any other interviews that are scheduled will be used for the benefit of the Original Work start up. The next time I go on an interview, I will ask the professional for their advice and their opinions on my Original Work idea.