

Learning and Discovery

Weekly Report 1

08-20-18 to 08-26-18

This past week was my first full week of ISM, and while it is still in its beginning phases I can tell it is going to be a very rigorous but rewarding year. My first assignment was to give an introductory speech about myself and my topic. The idea of giving a speech about myself to a classroom full of people made me anxious but I hope that throughout the year my public speaking skills improve to the point where I do not get anxious anymore. My goal was to recite my speech without stuttering or losing track of my thoughts, because I tend to get so nervous that I forget what I am supposed to say all together. Although I did not get to give my speech, I hope next week I am able to accomplish this goal.

I was also tasked with finding an inspiring quote to guide me along my ISM journey this year and create a mission statement. There were so many wonderful quotes to choose from but I ended up using a Margaret Thatcher quote about never giving up, because I want this quote to be a reminder to never give up when I feel stressed or anxious throughout the year.

My mission statement is where I got stuck because I have been having a hard time sticking to a topic for ISM. Last year I was really set on my topic being fashion merchandising and communications, but I am also really interested in the political and global studies field, so it was hard for me to choose between the two. It came down to what field I thought I could make a bigger impact or contribution to. I realized that the reason I am so interested in global studies is because I am an immigrant and I got to experience two very different qualities of life in Argentina and the United States. My experience as a latina and an immigrant could bring a different perspective to international studies.

This week my work ethic could have been better and I could have procrastinated less, but I learned that procrastination is not going to be an option this year. If I want to balance all my work, I need to manage my time efficiently.