

Symposium

Weekly Report 10/2/17 to 10/8/17

This week was particularly interesting in the fact that I attended the Business Symposium, along with the rest of the ISM program, and that I had my first interview, both of which were extremely beneficial.

To begin with the symposium was rather interesting in the fact that it was a combination of both information and experience. In terms of information, I gained a deeper understanding regarding the college admission process as well as how to invest my time wisely in the ISM program. As for the experience side of the symposium, many professionals were present, and at the beginning of the event, I sharpened my skills of small talk. I had never been talented at small talk, but I have certainly gotten more comfortable doing it through this. Another aspect of experience was the interview portion. Opposed to small talk, I have had plenty of experiences in interview-like settings such as applying to become an officer in an organization or trying to get a job. However, the setting at the symposium was rather different as its sole purpose wasn't to get a job but to improve in these types of situations. As a result, it was a lot easier to interact, at least for me, and meet with professionals to discuss various topics. Overall, the symposium was actually an amazing experience than I originally thought it would be as I grew more familiar and more prepared for the future.

As for my interview, it went fairly smoothly. Using my skills from the symposium, I was rather comfortable with discussing physics with a professional. The person I interviewed was Dr. Duncan Weathers, who is a Applied Physics Professor at the University of North Texas. Dr. Weathers was very helpful in regards to informing me more on how to be a physicist, how to

become one, and various tasks associated after becoming one. We discussed many topics such as his various publications and his daily life. Furthermore, he also provided insight on various activities to do now as well as ideas I could do for my original work or my final product. All in all, I believe that the interview went fairly smoothly as I gained much insight about choosing physics as a career.

Until next week,

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