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### Weekly Report 10/23/17 to 10/29/17

Life has is like a sine graph. It weaves through the ups and downs, stopping for momentary periods of reflection before going back to its cyclical pattern This past week had been a particularly rough week in my life, and what was interesting was that I didn't doubt myself through it. Usually, when a setback, major or minor, occurs in my life, I get discouraged and think thoughts such as "Why do I always mess up?". In this instance, however, I shook it off, undeterred by my ambition and will to get better.

I believe that a large part of this change has to do with ISM. Before ISM, I had no direction as to where I wanted to go and thus didn't have a clear view of how to get there. However, ISM has provided me time and experience to trust in myself as I progress through life. Moreover, this program has reminded me of why I wanted to do astrophysics in the first place. As a result, instead of worrying about the hardships that I am facing, I am looking forward to every single one because my view on a challenge has changed. I no longer want to sit idly by as the rest of the world is revolutionizing itself. If I do sit by, then where will the fun in life be? Life isn't exactly going to be handing out the moments I want to live. Sometimes I have to stop sitting around and chase after them. If I fall, then so be it. I'll pick myself up and continue engross my mind in the endless possibilities that lay ahead. This lesson of accepting challenges is one that will remain in my mind for years to come because life will always throws obstacles. It is up to me if I want to get around them and progress in becoming an astrophysicist.

Until next week,

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