

Intertwining

Weekly Report 5/8/18 to 5/20/18

Over this past week, I made quite a bit of progress on my final product as well as my presentation for Final Presentation Night. I created three modules: hydrostatic equilibrium, chemical reactions, and thermal equilibrium. All of these required an intricate use of computer science and mathematics. I had done quite a bit of derivations and code research as I was dealing with large numbers, and my code had to be formatted to accommodate these large numbers.

However, what was more troubling was my mock presentation. As part of the presentation for the ISM Final Presentation Night, students had to create a mock event in which they practice their presentation with people not inside of the ISM program. Since this was the week that AP testing was finishing up and I had already taken my Calculus BC exam, my teacher, Mr. Carreon, allowed me to present to my class afterwards.

I believed that it would go pretty well as I had recited through the information quite a few times, but I felt a great sense of nervousness from the beginning of the speech, which made me lose a lot of attention from the audience. Although the speech began with a rough start, I believe that I did my best to re-captivate my listeners. Nevertheless, this event clearly shows that I have to practice quite a bit to create the great presentation I wish to give.

Despite this, ISM has taught me that growth can be seen in any skill and in any topic, given enough time and work. Personally, I am quite nervous for the Final Presentation Night, as many of my friends and TAMS students will be attending, but with practice, I believe that I can make a truly outstanding presentation that will be both entertaining and memorable.