

Inspiration

Weekly Report 8/21/17 to 8/27/17

This first week of ISM was probably the most crucial out of all the upcoming weeks in ISM. This past week reinforced the reason I joined ISM and reminded me of why astrophysics is worth learning. We also had a guest lecturer, Mrs. Martin Leslie, come in and inform us about our passion and how to discover it, harness it, and use it to create something that we look forward to, but most of all, inspired me to try to take risks in life. This lecture reminded me that astrophysics is the perfect outlook for me to challenge my logical reasoning and apply my love for math and physics to a real life application. Furthermore, astrophysics is no easy field to go into and there will be difficult times when learning more about this universe we live in, and if I don't have the drive to learn, there is no motivation for me to further invest in my topic. So, in order to show that my passion and perseverance will overcome my obstacles, I picked the following quote to help me on this ISM journey by Denis Waitley which states that "determination gives you the resolve to keep going in spite of the roadblocks that lay before you". All in all, this last week reminded me of my passion for astrophysics and inspired me to pursue my goals despite the challenges that lay ahead.

As for next week, we will be giving an introductory speech to the rest of the class. Even though I am not someone who likes talking about myself, I am still looking forward to presenting a speech about myself at the end of the week so that I may be able to connect with the other members in the program and improve my presentational skills by setting a baseline from which I may be able to improve from. Since the primary task for these upcoming couple of weeks is to research our field and career, I will hopefully be answering a few of questions such as "How

much is an Astrophysicist salary”. However, the most important question I will answer is what I need to do to get to my goal. All this time, I have been thinking in more of an abstract way rather than a step-by-step basis on what I need to do. Overall, although I will continue to work hard, I still have a lot to learn in my field and becoming more professional, but I am still looking forward to every second of the journey to growing as an individual.

Until next time,

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