

# Enlightening

Weekly Report 4/9/18 to 4/15/18

Have you ever experienced an event in which a fundamental aspect of your life was revealed to you? In this past week, I had one such event that occurred to me, and I was particularly taken back as I was not expecting the outcome, but it has made me realize quite a few truths in regards to me.

On the Friday of this week, the DECA program at my school hosted their officer elections for the upcoming year. DECA is a program in which students are placed in real life business scenarios as well as tested for their knowledge in a particular denomination of business, mine being marketing for this last year. This election, however, was the first one of our DECA chapter to not really have a clear winner, making the competition quite difficult. Personally, I had a numerous amount of ideas I had wished to implement if I become President, but with the numerous amount of capable people running for the same position, I did not think I would become it. To my surprise, however, I was chosen as President for the 2018-2019 school year.

Since then, I took a glance back to see what may have caused me to win the election. Although I believe that a variety of factors may have influenced the outcome, the largest factor was the my ability to exhibit confidence and a vision. The aspect of this analysis that is quite astonishing is that about a year ago, I would not classify myself in the same way as I was much more shy and less sure about my place at my school. Before this year, I used other people's views, or at least my perception of their views, as the guiding force of what was considered good or bad. In hindsight, it was a terrible mindset and although I had acknowledged that it was, I did not know how to focus on another one. However, change, I believe, was largely because of my

involvement in ISM. From cold calls to networking to interviews, ISM taught me to trust in myself and gave me that drive and that fire to do what I want to do.

In the end, growth may be tough and even unwanted at the time, but if a person can look past that and see that anything can be learned given patience and persistence, that person could grow past his or her station and drive the minds of many to a greater goal. With this ideology in mind, I know that my trials of being a DECA President will be extensive, but I know that it will be worth it.

Until next week,

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