

Too Much

Weekly Report 2/26/18 to 3/4/18

Over the last couple of week, I have had amazing opportunities to travel across the state and represent myself and my school in various experiences. The first of these experiences began with my first mentor visit to SMU for this class followed by the DECA State Development in downtown Dallas followed by the Hewlett-Packard Codewars competition in Houston. In this process, however, I have come to realize one major downfall to taking numerous, difficult classes.

Although they do provide a lot of tension and stress in my life, hard classes have been challenging yet still manageable. However, one problem with this system, especially at Reedy, is that these classes are filled with work as the primary way to learn. Although this makes sense in the minds of the teachers as doing a certain quantity of work will ensure that the student knows a certain piece of material, it can also backfire, and my current state at school is an example of this paradox. Even though I do admit that I missed days of schools and must deal with the repercussions, I do believe that the system at our school needs reform. Currently, I am swamped with work in each of my classes, and in order to alleviate the amount of work I have, my mentality switches from learning the material to finishing the material, two distinct concepts.

Although a person could make the argument that I had this coming due to the amount of time consuming classes I am taking, I do believe that there is a compromise between these two worlds. For starters, work based learning is not the only form of learning, and some would even argue that there are much better alternatives. One such option I am particularly fond of is the idea of self-learning. Even in colleges, the idea of self-learning is the dominant form of learning as it

pushes the student while still enabling them to learn what the underlying concepts behind the class.

This reform measure brings me to ISM. This class has been a unique example of combining hard work with creativity, and I simply adore it. I am incredibly lucky to see that ISM thriving on this skill of enhancing people's ability to work independently to create a future for themselves and help shape the world around them. In the meantime, however, I know that I can overcome any obstacle when given enough time and effort. So, I just need to work harder and eventually, I will present a truly harmonious symphony to shape the minds of millions.

Until next week,

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