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1/14 - 1/20

First Mentor Visit

This week was full of new experiences and exciting information. On Wednesday, all the ISM students in Frisco went to the Star for the Research Presentation. It was rewarding to see the accumulation of all the work we had done in ISM so far and how much had really been accomplished. Additionally, talking to adults and kids about my topic made me proud of all the hard work that has gone into my assessments, original work, and research. One of my goals for the week on top of having a successful Research Presentation, was to have an informative mentor visit. This first mentor visit provided the opportunity to meet some of my mentor's coworkers and watch the defense and prosecution go over cases on the docket which was a new experience for me.

My work ethic this week was pretty good considering it was necessary to get all my work completed including the original work and poster board for showcase. Something that does need to be worked on is having a good work ethic before the due date gets too close. This would have provided an opportunity to add more design to the display board and make it look more intriguing. Something that became very apparent throughout presentation night was that the display boards with more design or interactive pieces had more people interested in looking at their topic. This is something to keep in mind for Final Presentation night while making the display board and designing the most appealing display.

For this upcoming week, it will be important to decide whether or not to continue my legal journal for my final presentation project. In addition, another goal for this week will be to successfully make contact with the Court Appointed Special Advocates program in order to volunteer. This program has volunteers represent abused children in front of a judge and try to help them through the process of finding a safe home. This would be a great opportunity to help children in the community, as well as get real world experience of arguing cases in front of a judge. Even if I cannot argue the case by myself because of my age, helping work on a case in its entirety would provide insight into the dedication that is required to win a case.