

## Weekly Report 20

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### Making New Contacts

This week was mostly spent preparing for the Research Presentation. Some of the comments from the ISM 2 students about the first speech were in regards to my powerpoint, so some of the time was spent creating a more interactive powerpoint that was visually appealing. Additionally, another main goal of this week was to finalize an idea for the Final Project. Since working on my legal journal for the Original Work project was something that was incredibly enjoyable, challenging, and helpful in increasing my knowledge about the law, my plan is to continue working on more issues of the legal journal for Final Project. However, one distinction between the issue written for Original Work and the issues that will be written for Final Product is the next few issues will be more connected to criminal law. After having gone on interviews with many criminal attorneys and obtaining a mentor at the District Attorney's office, it will be easier to write an issue on criminal matters.

My work ethic this week was successful in terms of finalizing an idea for Final Project, but not so much in regards to working on the speech for the presentation. It has been especially challenging to come up with a hook for the beginning my speech that can appropriately bridge my introduction. However, one benefit of my work ethic this week was the additional contacts that were made. Through one of my programs that introduces students with leaders in their respective fields, I was able to meet with a prominent member in the JCC who works as an attorney and offered to give a tour of his law firm. In addition, my mentor's contact at the Advocacy center reached out so that we could talk over possible ways to volunteer my time for the Final Project.

The goals for this upcoming week are to contact my mentor's friend at the Advocacy center, have a successful Research Presentation, and watch a Crimes Against Children case. Unfortunately, there were not any CAC cases to watch last week, but my mentor said she would find out if there way one this upcoming week that we could watch. Another goal is to talk to my mentor about the Final Project idea and see if she has any suggestions or comments. Once that idea is finalized with my mentor, the latter part of the week can be spent starting the legal journal and picking out topics for the first issue.