

Preparation and Aspirations

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Endurance is the mark of a truly dedicated spirit - even amidst challenges that work against the completion of a goal, the pursuant will inevitably overcome and achieve. This week, though strenuous and fraught with responsibilities, I have worked to persevere through my struggles to further advance my professional standing and potential for outreach. Indeed, in working with Mrs. Brigadier to cement a schedule for mentor visits and understanding more of what I can learn through my time with local professionals, I have found that my path in ISM, as challenging as it is, is now inspiringly tangible.

This week has brought a foundation to my original work and active communication with the political world, and has allowed for me to develop personal traits that I can carry into my future. I had called with Mrs. Brigadier to consolidate our schedule for the foreseeable future, and planned to work closely with both the legislative and campaigning sides that her position offers under Representative Pat Fallon. In doing this, I was beyond excited to further flesh out the areas I will learn more of, and related this knowledge to how I could utilize it in contacting those also related to the duties of an elected official, including campaign manager Mr. Ryan Neil.

Truly, the knowledge I aspired to gain from the ISM program is now in sight - these opportunities granted to me by my mentor and local professionals have allowed me the capacity to present it to others and to fulfill my mission to advocate civic duty. As I improve on my original work, portfolio, and display board, I become more excited to show to others to trials I have faced in bolstering political participation in the common citizen.