

# Decking Out

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With the coming of Final Presentation Night reaching ever closer, I have been relieved this week to take a step back from mental, intellectual preparation and focus in on more aesthetic aspects of my presentation this coming Tuesday the 29th. This week, emphasis was put mostly on physical invitations, presentation materials, and aspects of Final Presentation Night that allowed for me to realize the importance of prior planning for any event.

From the majority of research-based input into my ISM journey, it was refreshing to be able to take a step back and plan out my schedule and materials needed for my Final Presentation Night experience. I began this week by sending out both physical and online invitations to the event, and saw how gratifying it was to undergo exposure to this pre-professional program when many of the adults in my life replied by saying how excited they were to attend. I also took time this week to better prepare for my individual discussion by revising my presentation materials to better suit my flow of speaking for my audience, as well as look to see what can be included in my final program for the night. From the experience of having to collect and complete each of these aspects of my FPN presentation, I have seen how important it is to understand the many logistical aspects of a professional event along with the substance involved in order to create a more efficient, formal atmosphere.