

## Introducing ISM

Weekly Report 1~8/16/2018-8/26/2018

This week I learned a lot about the inner workings and structure of the Independent Study and Mentorship course. Going over things like weekly reports, assessments, and the supply list helped me further understand the direction of this year. We also gave introductory speeches which gave me an insight into ways to improve my presentational speaking skills.

Going over the supply list, first of all, gave me an idea as to what all I will need to be successful this year. It also directed some brainstorming processes for this year such as my color scheme. Seeing things on the supply list such as professional dress pushed me to research and begin shopping for my professional outfit for interviews. Things on the list like a tablecloth and tri-fold poster board piqued my interest into what kind of project I want to be focusing on this year. I started thinking about many of the different avenues and specializations in the veterinary world, and now have a list forming of things I am interested in researching later. The supply list put the entire year into perspective for me and helped direct my thinking onto what I want to accomplish this year.

The introduction speech on the first day showed me what I need to work on this year in the Independent Study and Mentorship Program as far as presentational speaking goes. I realized some things I need to focus on during my presentations are fidgeting, strong introductions and conclusions, and maintaining a steady tone. The speeches given later in the week by students going into their second year in the Independent Study and Mentorship program gave me an insight into what I want to achieve throughout this year as far as improving my speaking skills. My goal for this year is to improve my presentational speaking and eliminate a majority of my speaking flaws such as talking too fast, fidgeting, and an uneven tone. I am hoping that throughout this year in the Independent Study and Mentorship Program, I will develop my speech giving skills so that I sound professional and distinguished when I present.

This year in the Independent Study and Mentorship program, I hope to research and learn about all different aspects of my profession, put together a well thought out final presentation, and improve my presentational speaking skills.