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In the Independent Study and Mentorship program this week the main focus was professionalism when speaking with professionals. Activities such as the business symposium and cold calling professionals provided insight into professional etiquette and manners.

This week, members of the Independent Study and Mentorship program participated in the business symposium held at Independence High School and received helpful advice from professionals while networking with other Independent Study and Mentorship students. Speaking and interviewing with professionals provided insight on how to act in these situations. All of the professionals were very helpful and provided advice on interviewing techniques, the resume, and professionalism. Additionally, speaking with students in their second year of the Independent Study and Mentorship program was very informative. These conversations provided insight into different ways to go about finding an original work idea, managing the workload of the Independent Study and Mentorship program, and tips on presentational speaking. Overall, the business symposium was incredibly informative and provided many helpful things to keep in mind and utilize throughout the rest of the year in the Independent Study and Mentorship program.

The business symposium, alongside cold calling professionals throughout the week, provided a new outlook on what this year will entail and the importance of professionalism. With this new knowledge came a new sense of confidence when contacting professionals which will be beneficial in the future when looking for mentors.