

Research Assessment #8

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Subject: 2018 Research Showcase Analysis

Assessment:

The Research Showcase this year was such a wonderful night and an incredibly unique experience. It gave me so much further insight to the program, and overall it was one of the best things that has happened in ISM so far this year. After working so hard on my Original Work and finding a mentor, it truly felt like the ultimate culmination of everything that I've been doing this year, and it was so cool to have the ability to share it with my friends, family, and the public.

The Research Showcase was such hard work. I think I knew it would be, because I had put so much into my Original Work, so if preparing for it had been easy, I would've been surprised. But still nonetheless, I was still completely exhausted by the time it was over. I got the chance to interact with so many different people and even though it was incredibly rewarding, it still took a lot out of me by the end of the night.

I was so appreciative of the teachers that came to support me. I feel like all of my teachers see me within the bounds of their class, and I hope they enjoyed seeing me outside of their one subject as much as I enjoyed talking to them about all the hard work I've been doing. On the same page, I'm so glad so many of my friends came to support me, because even though I can always explain to them at school what I've been working on, there's nothing quite like flipping through the enormous Research Portfolios to give someone a sense of just how thoroughly we've all been working.

From here, I'm really going to start focusing on my Final Product. Even though I'm really happy with how much work I put into my Original Work and where I've gotten in terms of research, I always feel like I could've done more and I especially want to flesh out my Final Product, so I'll be really satisfied with where I've come and what I've accomplished by the end of the year. I'm also so glad I have Anna to work on my Final Product with, because my Original Work was entirely created by myself, which I think

caused it to lack in creativity. With Anna, I really think I'll be able to create something more useful and hopefully more satisfying.

As a whole, I thoroughly enjoyed the ISM Research Showcase. I got so much out of the night in so many different ways. Not only did I get to see what all of my peers have been working on after supporting them through their work all semester, but I also got to show off all of the things that I've been doing too. From here I'm not only so excited to continue my mentor visits with my now fully confirmed mentor Anna Rupani, but I also can't wait to begin developing my Final Product. After seeing all of the passion other people have for what they're working on, it has only further inspired me and renewed my excitement for the field of study I've chosen this year, too. As I'll be keeping up with everybody else's work over the next few months, I'm also ready to create mine and I truly believe that from here, things will only get better for me in ISM. I'm learning so much and it is all such great exposure for wherever life may take me in the future.