

## Research Assessment #4

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**Subject:** Business Symposium

**MLA Citation:** N/A

**Assessment:**

Through attending the Independent Study and Mentorship Business Symposium, I have gained a more detailed understanding of future life (college), what it is like to be interviewed, how to network with people, and more. I will incorporate what I learned into my future work life and make sure to keep these skills close at all times. Most importantly, I gained new experiences that will prove to be very beneficial in the future.

The Business Symposium consisted of networking with professionals and students, listening to alumni speak, being interviewed by experienced individuals, and hearing from a previous ISM teacher on the more important aspects or things to consider in life. Through networking, I saw the importance of meeting as many people as possible and expanding my base of contacts. Each and every person has something to offer even though I may not realize it at the time. It is important for me to continue growing my network so I can request help and advice in the future from individuals who know exactly what they are doing. After networking, I was interviewed by two different professionals. They had a set of questions for me and made their own questions as the interview went on. I learned how to pitch myself to individuals and answer their questions in a way that would show who I am as a person. Once the interview was completed, they left me with tips and suggestions on how I could improve my speaking, and that has helped me refine my skills and make sure to convey the most important parts about myself. Through listening to alumni speak, I saw the wide implications that ISM has for the future. I was able to see how the students who have now graduated have used ISM in their lives. One student has said that it has helped her get a job and the others were saying how it has helped build their passion and show people the things they have done in their life pertaining to their topic of study. ISM serves as a test of one's passion for a topic and it has helped me understand that entrepreneurship is the direction I aim to go in in the future. It is my desire and I would like to pursue it for the rest of my life. I have heard from many professionals about the ups and downs about the career choice, but I am ready to face the challenges and potentially prosper later in life. Lastly, listening to a former ISM teacher about the main ways to live life have shown me the importance of staying true to my morals and what I believe is correct. I must always know why I am doing something before I do it, or else it will be for no reason at all and I may not be as committed to the task. I have listened to the speaker's experiences throughout his life and will take all the advice he has given me on how to move forward with the rest of mine.

Overall, the Business Symposium has given me a variety of lessons that I will need to hold true in the future. It has provided me with a head start towards the future and will be impactful in the long run. I will never forget what I have learned throughout the symposium and make sure to implement it into my daily life.