

## Mentor Visit Assessment #4

**Mentor:** Joshua Meek

**Profession:** Chief Executive Officer of Meek Industries, LLC

**Location:** Omni Hotel Frisco

**Date:** January 10, 2018

**Time:** 5:00pm

### **Assessment:**

My fourth mentor visit was conducted with Joshua Meek who is the Chief Executive Officer of Meek Industries, LLC. We met at the Omni Hotel in Frisco which is right next to the new Dallas Cowboys practice facility — The Star. In terms of Mr. Meek's progress as an entrepreneur, he has taken more of a shift towards the stock market and investing in the long-term game. He used to start up and invest in companies looking for funding; however, he realized that there were much simpler ways he could make money. Mr. Meek fell in love with the stock market because there is not much work going into it other than research and making the right investments. This intrigues me because I follow the motto of working smart and not hard. Of course, there will be times when I do need to work very hard, but if I can accomplish the same feat by working smarter, then that is the route I am taking.

After going into detail about his new ventures, I talked to Mr. Meek about Final Presentation Night and he gave me new ideas for my Original Work and Final Product. For the Original Work, he said that I could formulate a plan or strategy on the future through speaking with various professionals. He also said to make sure not to go into too much detail on the Opportunity Book. Since it will be containing a lot of information, I need to make sure to make it simple and concise. If it ends up becoming too long and drawn out, then I will refrain from looking at it again and it could become pointless. In terms of my Final Product, he said he could help get me in touch with some other professionals in the industry in case I need any help. With my idea to build upon my Original Work, he fully supported it and encouraged me to continue on. Later on in the visit, I gave him the details for Final Presentation Night this year. For my Display Board, he suggested that I make cut outs of a hotel, apartment, bank, etc., in order to add more interest to my presentation.

At the end of the meeting, I showed Mr. Meek my progress from creating an account and investing in the stock market. I had invested \$60 and made \$2 dollars so far. Through investing and playing around in the market, I have learned how much of a long-term game it truly is. In order to start building money and letting it grow, I must start now. For the next few months, I will be reading books such as *The Intelligent Investor* which will help me build my knowledge. My mentor is essentially only ten years older than me and people say that he has started investing early. For me to invest at the age of eighteen, there is no telling how much money I could make in the future. However, this all depends on making the right investments. Throughout time, I will learn how to tell which companies are safe to invest in and that will lead me to more knowledge and information. Throughout my life, there will be setbacks but I will continue to move forward onto my next journey.