

## **Research Assessment 10**

**Event:** ISM Research Showcase

**Location:** The Star in Frisco

**Date of Event:** January 17, 2020

### **Assessment:**

This week in ISM was very educational and exciting because of the Research Showcase we had in the Ford Center at The Star. The Research Showcase was a great opportunity to discuss the research that all of the ISM students had conducted up to this point in the class, receive feedback regarding the work each of us had done, build connections with other mentors and top-level professionals, demonstrate the professionalism and speech skills we had acquired so far, and altogether give a good presentation of how we have grown so far through this course. I was very content with the outcome of the showcase and many family members, along with other visitors, came up to my display to talk about my work and ask any questions. Everything that I had previously learned through the Business Symposium, my speeches, research assessments, and interviews were very useful during this event, and I cannot wait to see how helpful this event will be for me by the end of this year.

To begin with, I strongly believe that Frisco High School stood out the most compared to other schools in terms of professionalism, expertise, and respectability. We represented the entire ISM program with proper professional attire, body language, and speaking. At the same time, I think it was helpful to hear from other ISM students from other schools as well because everyone had different experiences that were valid to share. Knowing a few ISM two contacts from other schools, I was able to talk to them about how their research and work in the class was going, and I thought it was helpful to hear their ideas that they had for improving their second semester. Also, so many of the display boards and projects that I saw while walking around the event were outstanding and gave me better ideas to design my board for the Final Presentation Night at the end of the year. Overall, from the students' perspectives, it was great to see how everyone's projects were different and can improve over the course of the year.

Going into the viewpoint of the professionals and the adults at the event, it was really helpful to talk to some of the professionals who worked in the same career field as the one am researching. The cloud computing professionals I met with talked a lot about how operating systems have changed since the beginning of the cloud, the importance of cloud architecture currently in the field, and specifically what company's cloud products are the most competitive in the field. The best part of the showcase for me was getting the chance to talk to Brent Jaye, a Vice President for AWS and a senior IT Executive. Mr. Jaye talked to me a little bit about what he does for his regular job duties, and he gave me a few tips for improvement on my project by the end of the year. He also gave me his email ID to keep in touch with him, and told my dad that he works with 200 individuals in cloud architecture and offers internships for people in this field near The Star.

All in all, the ISM Research Showcase was an amazing learning experience and a great event to enhance professionalism and research skills. I am very glad to have the chance of

meeting professionals in cloud computing, and it was amazing to meet other students in ISM as well.