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Internship Reflection Paper

The Sixth 50 Hours

As I am approaching the end of this internship, I have started to take the time to assess my progress in this role, and evaluate if this is a role I would want to hold in the future. We have continued to work more on the Special Intern Report- Out project. Learning how to work with other people on the team, balance our project and our actual work, and navigating through the overwhelming opinions we have gotten on our topic from those we have spoken with. This week was more stressful than previous, due to the fact that an hour before we presented our project to our first tester group, we came to the decision to scrap my section of the project and research a whole new topic and throw together a new PowerPoint slide and script. Luckily, I have done plenty networking during my time in this role. I was able to reach out to a subject matter expert to get advice, and resources, as well as previous work and reports that my subject matter expert's team had created. Fear not, the college kid drive in me made sure that I had the assignment due by the deadline.

After completing the assignment, my team and I had 10 practices over the course of the week. We met with other intern groups, listening to their presentation and vice versa. This

feedback was important because it showed us if the information was engaging to people who are not matter experts, and if it made sense to those who were not previously aware of the topic. The next two important people we practiced with were our subject matter expert and a director in Global Market Operations, both of whom played a huge part in our project. After presenting to them, both professionals explained how impressed they were and were able to ask us questions to better prepare for the questions and answers section of our presentation. The director asked us if we would be interested in working for him and told us not to be surprised if we found ourselves on his team next year.

We then presented to our project mentor and team managers in an effort to work better on our professionalism when it comes to presenting. We got great feedback on the overall look of the presentation. One thing that our manager told us that really stuck with me, was that we should try to make our presentation a bit more conversational, and not worry about making sure we give a speech rather, have a conversation with the audience.

Overall, I feel that the team is prepared and ready for this presentation. This last week coming up is bittersweet, while the intern team is excited to get the final outcome, and see if we will be offered a full time role, it is sad to realize that some of us will not be coming back, either due to school or location, and that we will have to leave behind the Bank of America family that we have been apart of. Luckily, the only thing this bittersweet feeling does is fuel me to work harder to be able to get the chance to come back.