1.   Describe five businesses or non-profits that have been created in my field.

One example of cybersecurity is network security. Dell Cybersecurity offers end to end cybersecurity. Security on cloud storage is also popular and Comcast Business has high performance cloud services. The Internet of Things or IoT has created many cybersecurity opportunities. Ordr.net is an organization that focuses on the Internet of Medical Things because they are interconnected and it allows wireless devices to securely communicate over the internet. Finally, most individuals carry a mobile device with internet, and businesses like Verizon have large teams for handling cybersecurity on mobile devices.

2.   What is your overall perspective on the entrepreneurship experience?

I learned a lot in this entrepreneurship. I enjoyed that the class was independent, and one of the most useful strategies I developed during this class is exploring my resources. I visited the small business association's website as well as a few other websites catered to small businesses in order to get a better understanding for what I should do in my small business. I used the school's databases, my advisors, my success coach, and lots of google searches to discover resources and find information. The entrepreneurship experience is all about being resourceful and also utilizing what is available to you

3.   How did entrepreneurship prepare or not prepare you to be a competitive candidate for vacant positions?

I don't think I am ready for a vacant position, but entrepreneurship definitely prepared me to be a first time entrepreneur. I had to discover and explore new resources. I also found sources of funding and learned how to utilize tools such as Google Docs, Google Sheets, File converters, Wordpress, and I even made a YouTube channel and posted several videos. While I don't know if this makes me the best candidate, I am now a much stronger candidate with a more diverse background in media.

4.   What suggestions do you have to improve the experience?

The first assignment should be to have an idea for a business, and it should be due before the withdrawal deadline. That way, you can ensure each person has something to contribute to the group, and you can also avoid groups changing

ideas half way through the semester. You might even be able to assign groups according to similar ideas. Groups need a leader for social interaction purposes. You can appoint one, let them volunteer, or let the groups decide, but I believe it is important to delegate some authority in order to avoid a Lord of the Flies situation. Every time we met face to face, you were super sharp and insightful and gave excellent instructions and examples. I know if we had seen more of each other I could have gotten even more out of this course. I felt very nervous the entire course because of the lack of feedback for our grades. If I find out I forgot something or misunderstood an instruction, I might find myself suddenly failing when I turned in all of my assignments. It does not feel good to be worried about a surprise email. I think my fear of missing an instruction resulted from the instructions being scattered into different locations such as the wordpress template, the syllabus, the assignments page, and the grades page with what seemed like slightly different instructions in each. Most of my classes put all of the requirements for the grade on the page where the assignment will be submitted and I have found that very helpful in the past. I am afraid to be honest in my peer assessment. My teammates did come through for me at the end, but as I mentioned to you in your office, I do not believe students are willing to give bad grades to each other. If it starts an argument among students or groups, it just causes more hassle for the person who was honest and I don't think people will elect to do that to themselves. One thing that you may enjoy would be having the groups review each other's work. Throughout this class, myself and the other students were in a group message together and they constantly asked each other what each other were doing. Making some sort of process or assignment where the students can see the work of other groups might put some pressure on the groups if they know other people will see it promptly, and they will also talk to each other about the challenges and solutions for the project. Overall I very much enjoyed the course.

5.   What's next for you?

I am currently enjoying my work as a contractor for the local shipyard, but it does not pay enough money. I would like to use my degree to try and ask for a pay raise. This past week I was told I will be included in the company newsletter because a new system I implemented saved the company a lot of money in labor. I would like to earn a new title such as coordinator, manager, or supervisor. After that, I will look for a job using my degree. In the meantime, I will try to get some cybersecurity certifications to make myself an eligible hire. I will also focus on my budget and my personal life because I have not been happy with myself this past few years while I had not graduated.