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

In the field of cybersecurity there are many companies that have been created. Some of those companies are THORN, NordVPN, MalewareBytes, UnderDefense, and SecurityHQ. THORN is a non-profit organization that uses technology in order to help and prevent human trafficking on the internet. NordVPN and MalwareBytes are software-based companies that software help protect users from malware and other malicious aspects of technology. Lastly, UnderDefense and SecurityHQ are 24/7 outsourcing cybersecurity companies dedicated to keeping businesses and individuals' data safe.

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

My overall perspective on the entrepreneurship experience is a bit mixed. While I feel it is a wonderful end goal to have one's own business, I feel the skills of an entrepreneur are more important. The development of the soft and technical skills in order to be successful was something that struck me more so than the application of the entrepreneurial process. Due to the correlation between these skills and being overall successful in your own life and not just a business.

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

The entrepreneurship prepared me for vacant positions by demonstrating the importance of soft skills so I therefore could further research the skills that I was lacking. I was able to practice those skills but practicing and bettering my communication, confidence, and mental organization. Therefore, present myself to employers in a better state and therefore increase my chances of landing a spot in an offered position.

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

The suggestions I have to improve the experience relate to the focus on skills needed to be successful in entrepreneurship. Because while a business model and product/service are important the skills and mindset one must have been equally as important. Therefore, I feel a strong improvement would be a heavier focus on the soft skills needed in order to be successful in entrepreneurship.

5. What's next for you?

What is next for me is the beginning of career journey. During my last semester of Old Dominion University, I was given a wonderful opportunity to be a Network Engineer I. There I plan to gain more experience and knowledge after college. I never plan to stop learning and I am

eager to see where my life takes me and how far I am able to achieve. Both within my career and within my own personal life.