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Cole, Bianca Miller. "10 Reasons Why Networking Is Essential for Your Career." Forbes, Forbes Magazine, 20 Mar. 2019, <https://www.forbes.com/sites/biancamillercole/2019/03/20/why-networking-should-be-at-the-core-of-your-career/?sh=2540916d1300>.

Assessment:

Two weeks ago, we had our annual ISM Business Symposium which provided us an avenue to interact with other Frisco ISD ISM students and business professionals. We were able to network with others, understand our ISM topics on a deeper level beyond the content, and learn about the work of others. With the opportunity, I really appreciated networking with other students, learning about the experiences of professionals, and working as professionals like we would in the industry.

The Business Symposium helped me develop my skills in communication, articulation, and networking through the multiple stations for interacting with professionals, interacting with students, the ISM alumni panel, mock interviews, and the keynote speech. Since this was my second year in ISM, I initiated many conversations with others to provide my value and help

others with my understanding from last year. My experiences from last year certainly helped me make more out of the opportunity this year as I was more carefree and eager to expand my connections across multiple disciplines! I was able to ask questions about the careers of the professionals which helped me relate their work to the possibilities of natural language processing in fields such as business, medicine, and education! This way I was able to gather more ideas and improve my understanding of my future original work that can focus on one of these niche areas. Furthermore, I was able to learn more about how I could leverage networking to develop better relationships and boost my understanding of my topic in ISM and beyond! I was clearly able to utilize the benefits of networking as described in the Forbes article, “10 Reasons Why Networking Is Essential for Your Career.” I was able to observe how I had access to a “pool of information” shared by others with who I had developed “long-term relationships and mutual trust” in previous years (Cole 2). Furthermore, it became very clear that I found support from other individuals who had a greater depth of knowledge in machine learning as they could “support [me] at any time...[and help me] manage challenges effectively” with their past experiences (Cole 5). By being able to connect with students on an intimate level at each of the stations, I believe I am been able to foster great relationships that will last beyond ISM into college and my career. I think the experience was fruitful to put my efforts into research into the real world with the expertise and reviews of others about my ideas and hopes in ISM!

As I research natural language processing this year, I hope to continue to network with other students, refine and improve my communication skills, and perform research interviews with professionals in the field. I will continue to understand natural language processing concepts both theoretically and practically as I gain insight from others in the community through their experiences and their knowledge. I will use this primary research to focus on how I

could use machine learning concepts in ISM to create my original work that could help the community.