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The Start of my Mentorship

Assessment 11 - Mentor Visit

Mentor: Morgan Crowder

Profession: Project Manager of Healthcare Department

Location: 350 North St. Paul Street #100, Dallas, TX 75201

Date: 20th December 2018

Time: 12:15 to 1:30

Assessment

There has been a lot of excitement, anxiety, fear, and curiosity surrounding starting mentor visits. However, now that the initial mentor visit has occurred, most of these emotions have calmed down. While I thought the initial mentor visit would be boring and just us talking about the basic things, it actually was a lot of fun and created excitement for all future mentor visits. My mentor, Morgan Crowder, seems to be open and enthusiastic to help me. She has already begun to encourage me through my research and help me with all my work and in anyway that she can. The initial mentor visit proved to me that Mrs. Crowder is the perfect mentor for myself.

The initial mentor visit helped me to learn more about Mrs. Crowder and how well we will fit together. Originally, I felt as though I was overwhelming her with how often I

contacted her and that she was probably thinking her decision to be my mentor, she told me that I was doing good keeping up with her because she would get very many emails a day and sometimes forget to respond to mine. This calmed me as while she was strict and professional, she is always happy and positive, which is what I need. This held a great significance with me because it proved that being responsible by following up and responding to every email was well worth the time as in the end I was able to show off a professional tone and personality. She was already talking about the different things she wanted me to be able to see. It starts with me attending team meetings, which is when the architects on one team come together to discuss their current project. Then, after some time, I can switch from some team meetings more into client meetings. This was something that made me excited for the future. While I have done a lot of research and learning through articles online, it occurred to me that learning is better done through physical and visual research, therefore, I think seeing the design process in action will help me develop my skills in architecture tremendously.

After we went through what future mentor visits will look like, we started talking about my research that had already been completed and will be completed in the future. I explained my struggle with finding articles that were interesting or had new information, she immediately started offering me and showing me places where it was possible to find reliable and professional research articles. This made me feel as though she wanted to help me and not just that she felt like she had to help me. With every question that was asked, she was open and willing to help me by going in depth on the explanation. I sincerely concerned about what to wear, what to do, and what to say when I would go into meetings

with architect teams or clients. However, she helped calm me down by answering all my questions and explaining to me how these mentor visits would work.

The initial mentor visit has set up an exciting year. With how open and expecting my mentor is of my questions and clarification needs, we will definitely work well together. This assured me that I picked the right mentor for myself. I think that using my initial mentor visit for how I will act at future mentor visits, with professionals, and with my mentor will help set me up for success.