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Reflection Essay

Over the past few months I have grown to know without a doubt the career I want to pursue throughout college. This sure knowledge has been given to me because of the excellent internship program Peoria High School offers. At first, I was not sure about joining this program due to the amount of work, time and effort that was needed to succeed in this class. As a senior with the common virus “senioritis” that seems to be going around, I knew it would not be an easy “A”. Luckily enough for me, the internship I was given was right on campus with a teacher that I knew very well. I was placed as an intern to Mr. Serwa in his Media Technologies class. The career I want to pursue is Film Production, so a media class was the perfect fit for my interests. Right away I was helping the students learn the programs better, operate the cameras more smoothly, and create videos more efficiently. I taught Mr. Serwa how to use his green screen and how to successfully use 3-Point Lighting in any situation. Needless to say, Serwa and I have always gotten along because I am the Media Productions President and I have been for two years in a row now. Thanks to Serwa and the internship program, I was asked to do many great projects to help the community and educate the youth for a better future. I was also able to make many new friends within the classroom while I helped out the slower students. I would teach them little hints and tricks/work arounds to make their editing life easier. All in all I tried very hard to share my love of creating films so others can gain the same passion I feel for film making. Particularly my favorite part of my internship was taking a young film maker “under my wing”. He too is a very fast learner and was eager to learn all I could teach him. It ended up getting to the point that I was learning just as many new things from him as he was learning from me. It was just very amazing to see how much a student grows over just one semester. In contrast, I cannot help but think Mr. Serwa feels just as I do about the student under my wing. For he has taken me under his wing too, and thanks to him I have learned many skills that will help guide me through my media career for the rest of my life.