

Three Week Strive Experience

The past three weeks of the Strive program was phenomenal for my experience. I don't know where to begin. After I graduated from college, I had no training in job development. I had no ~~idea~~ ^{knowledge} of how job applications were designed to gauge people's psychology and skills. In addition, I learned a great deal about conducting an interview. I wished that more mock interviews (surprise or no surprise) were done more often. I am aware that more mock interviews would be impractical due to time constraints.

I just want to note that practicing more interviews would be beneficial for me. Basically, I learned the ropes by successfully applying and speaking properly.

The most important aspect of the Strive program was preparing the commercial. I was not aware of myself when I applied to the program. Asked upon to write the commercial, I became more aware of myself. I saw potential within me. For years, people kept advising me to write more often as a form of self-reflection. This set the stage for me to write when you can.

The speakers were especially important for me. In my opinion, only one speaker enlightened me to the fullest degree. The president of the Toastmaster program was inspirational because I could relate with her. The commonality

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was that she and I have or had speech impairment.

She impressed me by overcoming her speech impairment by becoming a motivational speaker with leadership skills.

I told myself with envy that I wanted to be like her.

Finally, the trainers and my classmates were wonderful. Community support and being involved were very important to me. This meant that I will be more involved with Strive in the future.