

## **Pushing Forward**

### **Weekly Report 15**

**12/10 - 12/16**

This past week has given me the opportunity to reflect on my progress with attaining a mentor and completing interviews. The career path of consulting is a very demanding job that often requires lots of travel and many work hours, which results in less time available for extra activities, such as assisting a high school student.

Throughout the year in ISM, the cold calls made out to professionals in this field by me have been very one-sided, where the professional often does not respond due to their hectic work schedule. This past week alone, 7 calls have been made by me to professionals and only one responded. This is one of the challenges of ISM, but it is also a great learning experience because it has taught me that there are many people in consulting who don't have time to assist me in certain things, so I must either work harder until I find someone who does have time to help me, or I must learn the information and push forward by myself. In the case of attaining a mentor, however, a few professionals have really made an impression on me, and once the requirement of 5 interviews has been met by me, it is very fortunate that I will be able to make a quick decision about which professional I prefer to be my mentor.