

Future Forecast

Weekly Report 4

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This prior week, my focus was on completing a first draft of my résumé that could be given to possible mentors in order to offer some background about my experience, skill sets, and goals. Similarly, in order to prepare myself for future encounters with possible mentors, creating a list of ten specialized interview questions for consulting professionals that would help me understand more about their career path was also a focal point of my work this week. However, the majority of my time this past week was spent on researching what variables affect the consulting workforce positively and negatively, and if there is any way to predict the future trend of the various consulting fields.

With my research, the fact that the consulting field can be affected by numerous variables such as politics and the global economy was very intriguing to me. Political issues, such as an increased trade tax on certain metals, might impact consulting due to their impact on other businesses such as retailers that sell goods in metal containers. These retailers will then need help cutting costs and creating new strategies in order to pay for the taxes, which would then entail the services of consultants. Likewise, a depression in the world economy can affect businesses that are attempting to sell high quality items which are no longer in demand due to the consumers having less money. This would result in those businesses to require consulting services in order to maintain profit and success in the future.

This research has made me aware of the numerous variables that affect the consulting field, and when entering the workforce, my goal is to be cognizant of the factors that are influencing my career path. In this coming week my goal is to finalize my résumé, find more contacts for possible mentors, and get two more references for my résumé. My class time will be spent having peers and teachers review my résumé, as well as continuing to find possible mentors that are hopefully employed by one of the Big Four consulting firms.