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Course Reflection

Over the course of this semester, I have learned many important lessons from this class. One of these lessons is that it is important to utilize the resources you have available to you rather than just wishing you had more. I learned this lesson from one of our first assignments, the Making it Happen exercise. During this exercise, my group found it difficult to be able to afford all of the necessary resources that we needed with the \$5 that we were given, so we had to make due with some of the things we already had. As we continued to put our heads together, we finally realized that we already had most of the resources that we needed for this assignment. With this realization, we were able to be more creative in our execution, allowing us to have a great experience overall with this project. This lesson will be helpful in my future endeavors, especially if I end up wanting to open my own business. Rather than starting from scratch, I can use what I already have in order to get started. This could include connections I have with people as well as physical objects.

Another lesson that I got from this course is that it is important to be open to other people's inputs and to use collaboration to your advantage. When beginning our final project, my group and I did not know what idea we wanted to pursue. As an effort to try and figure out an idea, we began listing off different issues that we noticed occurred throughout our daily lives. As we began listing these issues, different innovations came to mind that we could potentially pursue. Eventually, we were able to all agree on one topic, which is what we ended up working on for the remainder of the semester. This lesson will be used within my professional and social life. It is very important to have the skill of collaboration, seeing as it is a large aspect of one's life. When working in groups in the future, I will be able to exercise this skill, showing that I can cooperate with others in group settings.

The third lesson I have learned from this class is be sure to take chances, because it may just be the only way you will actually get what you are looking for. This was seen when Professor Navis held up \$20 and asked who wanted it. This exercise was very simple, but showed the class that it is important to take a chance. I will be using this knowledge for the rest of my life. Taking chances is something that can be done in many different situations, both in professional and social settings. I have always come across as someone who is more timid, especially when she doesn't know someone. That exercise made me realize that it is very important for me to branch out and take chances, as that is one of the best ways to find new opportunities.

I had a very positive experience with this course. One aspect that I really enjoyed was the trade show. The different feedback that was given from the judges was something that I found to be very valuable. I cannot think of anything that I would change about this course, as I thought it was a very rewarding experience.