**Mentor Visit Assessment #4**

**Mentor:** Karen Kim

**Profession:** Director of Marketing and Communications

**Location:** Frisco Chamber of Commerce

**Date:** January 29, 2019

**Time:** 11:00am - 12:00pm

**Assessment:**

For my fifth mentor visit with Karen, I volunteered to help her and Christi with any preparations or miscellaneous errands they needed done for the Frisco Number Ones Gala happening February 1st. We have not had a mentor visit in a couple of months simply because we have both been so slammed, but now that I am caught up in school I figured there was no harm in lending a helping hand since Karen has helped me so much this year. It is the least I could do! We met at her office in the Chamber of Commerce like usual, and before I got put to work, we talked about the article I wrote about ISM for the Chamber website. Karen told me she had spoken with a woman who is very high up in the district about my piece and that she loved it so my article will be published in Frisco Enterprise on February 28th! Not only that, but Karen will be writing an article with another one of her coworkers who is mentoring someone about what it is like to be a mentor in the independent study program. Along with all of that, my article is also getting published online! It is truly mind boggling to think that something I wrote will be in the newspaper, and I cannot be more thankful to have such a fantastic mentor who believes in me so much. We did not get to talk much about my final product, however, since they were really busy at the Chamber preparing for the Gala, so we pushed that topic to next week’s mentor visit.

After our catch up conversation, Christi assigned me the task of sorting through the raffle prizes and putting each prize bundle together, as well as marking off the missing items. It felt really good to be useful and save everyone at the Chamber some time! My main takeaway from helping out during this mentor visit was how smoothly everything ran at the office, essentially like a well oiled machine. Even with people walking around from place to place yelling questions, or messing with each other on calls, the work got done in a productive and practical manner. I mention this a lot, but I truly am fascinated by how much fun everyone at the Chamber has. After finishing sorting through all of the raffle prizes, I got to listen to Karen and Christi go over the script along with the presentation Karen made and the winners, and with some help from Tony (the Chamber president). This demonstrated to me exactly the kind of relationship everyone at the Chamber has as coworkers, and made me excited to find a job where I can have fun and get work done at the same time.

Now that I have a handful of more articles to write for my final product, I am looking forward to brainstorming with Karen and asking interviewing different people at the Chamber about the city of Frisco. Each mentor visit is more and more helpful to me, whether it is observing, helping, talking, or writing. Any time I can get around my dream career is like a funfetti cake for my soul. For now, I will begin to brainstorm on my own and create any write ups or drafts I can to make next week’s visit more productive!