

Lessons Learned

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I saw Mrs. Rhonda today and she said to me, “Wednesdays come around quickly don’t they?” They sure do. Wednesdays are when I turn in my column to her.

At the moment, I feel like every waking second I’ve got some homework to work on. I’ve got to keep up; otherwise I’ll be constantly playing catch up. Anywho...

Last week, Mount Olive College held our spring Career Fair in Kornegay Arena. This year I volunteered to help with the morning setup. I was given the task of manning the trolleys and helping employers bring their displays inside. It was a good chance to strike up conversation with some of them.

As an international student, I know from the employer’s perspective that we are not always in the ideal situation to be offered employment. My goal was to just present myself honestly and sincerely. I have interviewed for a position locally that I think would be perfect for me (fingers crossed), so I really wanted to just meet some employers and hopefully learn a few things.

I think the biggest thing about Career Fairs, is that it forces you to be proactive in meeting employers. You have to initiate a conversation and you can’t be scared. That’s not an option.

You know what? I’m really glad I have to write this column, because it forces me to sit down and think about my week, and I’ve realized that I have been a lot more reactive rather than proactive lately. To me being proactive is both a state of mind and a behavior. If you want anything in life YOU have to make it happen, no matter how tedious or monotonous it may seem.

My generation has gotten so apathetic. Sometimes, I’m too lazy to open email attachments. All it takes is a slight movement of my middle finger pushing down and a three second wait, and I think to myself, “*This is ridiculous Yeeka.*” Our everyday lives are just so comfortable with everything handed to us. Hard-work is timeless and you still have to do whatever it takes to make it happen, even if it means learning something from scratch.

My dad told me this quote once, “It takes as much effort for a good life as it does for a bad one.”

This reminds me, I have to analyze the internal capabilities of Home Depot.

Have a great week.