

Reflective Essay

While in this class, I have had the opportunity to grow in all aspects of the successful cadet life. This class has taught me many concepts, consistency, discipline, how to critically think, and on top of everything improved my technology skills in such a way as to allow me to enjoy everything I did all the way through. I was able to enjoy learning in this class, something I can't say for every other class that I have taken, but for this class I very rightfully can. I have been able to develop as a student, scholar, and as a man of discipline. Throughout the class, the numerous exercises that I had to do not only expanded my realm of knowledge, but also taught me valuable application skills. Something that not every other class has done. That is why those are the three focuses of this paper.

Through the copious time spent working on my project, I have been able to pull away some significant professional technological skills that will no doubt be of use to me in the future. Through the work that I had to do in Word, PowerPoint, Excel, and Access, I have increased my realm of knowledge in technology, thus leading to my overall improvement as a student. If I were to have to face these items in college without the required pre-class now how that I received from this class, I would not be in a very favorable position to do well. Now that I know them, my level of confidence as a student has gone up, and I am ready to tackle any further technological challenges that may arise in the future.

As a scholar, I have also improved in aspects of my overall knowledge of important life information that may help me in the future. Along with the Microsoft exercises that the class had to do in the book, on many other nights, we were given assignments that allow us to expand our understanding of important trivia, one may say. To be more specific, on one of the nights we were given an assignment to identify the honor code system at a college of our choice. We had to pick a school and go into in depth research on the honor code, which governs it and all other aspects of the same sphere. Having successfully completed this assignment, I now have some knowledge of what I will be held to deal with in the future. It allows me to understand that when I reach the college level, mercy does not seem to be an existing concept when it comes down to lying, cheating, stealing, or tolerating those who do. This helps me keep my mind and my actions in check, this fear that acting with anything else but integrity could have a life long toll on me. Most simply said, I have a better understanding that any of these honor code discrepancies are not an option for me or for any other students to refer to if ever at our desires. All in all, living with a renowned sense of integrity will better my performance and my character both as a student, a future employee, and hopefully on day a business or sports leader.

Looking at my personal life, this class has also helped my further my progress in that part of my life as well. Throughout the course of this class, I have had to go from person to person, I have had to do interviews, collect information for my project, meet deadlines, and take personal time to perfect my project. All of these items have helped my discipline develop through the creation of good habits. The consistency aspect of the class has overwhelmed my desire to procrastinate and complete assignments in the last minute. My success due to effort has led me to become an inspired learner and is

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something I don't believe I could have ever said in previous times. This newly obtained inspiration for consistency and success will be what will lead me to become a better employee, student, friend, and family member, because all in all, it will lead me to desire nothing but the best for myself and for the people around me. I will continue to possess this mindset long after I am out of this class, and it is something that will lead me to many more successes in life.

In conclusion, I can easily say that this has probably been my favorite class of the entire year. I looked forward to coming in to class everyday, and I left class with a smile on my face, content with the work that I had completed and ready to take on the challenges of the upcoming day. I have grown as a student, leader, and learner, having obtained vital skills along the way that will be the base for my future success. The positive and optimistic environment and atmosphere that roamed the classroom throughout the term has made me much more accepting of people's initial mistakes, and has given me a more lenient mentality, now possessing a desire to help people improve when they make mistakes rather than get frustrated and yell at them. The best way that I can conclude is by saying that this class was the best option for me to take to finish the year off and it will act as an important stepping stone to my last year in high school that will determine what my entire future is going to be. I could not have finished the year off on a better note, and there is no doubt about that.