Reflecting on Symposium
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Networking is one of the most important aspects of professionalism, especially in the age of the internet. It allows you to create and rely on a variety of people from a variety of organizations and disciplines in the future.

This past week I had the opportunity to network with professionals in the area ranging from industries in entrepreneurship to education via the ISM business symposium. In doing this, I have been able to clarify the challenges and excitements of one of my eventual goal career: a Techpreneur.

As someone who primarily interacts with technologically driven people, building a meaningful conversation proved to be one the most difficult challenges Business Symposium presented. To over come the difficulties this field challenge, I aimed to use the idea of interdisciplinary interests. For example, when speaking with Ms. Calyer, an entrepreneur and CEO of Seeking Sitters, we discussed how my skills in computer science could translate into multiple businesses and be able to save any startups I create hundreds of thousands of dollars because software developers can be relatively expensive. Additionally, I gained insight beyond just technology and was able to learn the nuances of being an entrepreneur and some tips. These discussions will certainly be valuable going forward when I try to start my own technology company. With my discussion with Ms. Miller, and FISD Admin, we discussed the intersection between computer science and technology as well as how technology is being used today to treat mental health issues and how this may relate to the project I am currently pursuing for ISM. Because of this, the ideas I had in mind were invigorated and I was able to think of many more extensions to future projects.

Reflecting for the future, it is opportunities like these that give us the chance to think beyond the scope of solely our own discipline. Networking has been invaluable in broadening my interests while creating mentors I can rely on in the future. It goes without saying, networking is one of the most career-changing skills I have picked up in the ISM journey.

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