**Journal Report 3**

**9/8/23**

Today, I started creating an objective statement and planning out my project. Dr. Gabor told us that we needed to start on our proposal so I started fleshing out all my different thoughts and plans. I created an outline of what the project would entail and when I wanted each task to be completed. Afterwards, I started writing my proposal. By the end of the period, I was able to finish a draft of my objective and methodology sections within my proposal.

Over the weekend, I edited and reread the different parts of my paper. I started brainstorming what were considered necessary concepts in my project for the introduction and literature review section. These were some of the questions I wanted to address in my proposal: what is the NCNR, why is anomaly detection important, is it hard to do, why would the NCNR do research for the small instruments like the CCR.

**9/11/23**

Today, I emailed my mentor in an update about my registration process as a student researcher for NCNR in order to access the server and CUDA nodes at the NCNR. Additionally, I created my official proposal document and started researching the format of a proposal paper. I asked my classmates about it and they stated that it should consist of three parts: introduction, proposal, and references. I learned that a proposal was supposed to show that the audience would have to completely understand my project and envision the project being carried out realistically.

**9/13/23**

Today, I started writing my introduction and literature review portions of my proposal. I had some trouble starting as this was my first time writing a literature review. Half of the class was dedicated to looking at different literature reviews and discussing what the best approach would be to literature reviews.

Also, I made some finishing touches on my objective and methodology section. Thursday night, I finished my proposal.