

One success that I had over the last four weeks were learning to cooperate effectively in groups. I learned that considering and listening to other people's opinions totally help. I was able to be successful by contributing my ideas along with the other members of the groups I worked in. The activity that was meaningful to me was the White House Film Festival Project. The group that I was in had the topic "Gender equality" and I learned a lot of cool tools, tips about using iMovie. While doing the research about Gender Equality, I learned how much inequality there is in the world. Things I didn't know about before I came to Excelsior.

Most of the struggle in the last four weeks were mostly about agreeing on a topic, or idea. Everyone had something different to consider. And we all had to agree on the idea as a team/ group so it made it difficult. One moment during the project, EVERYONE was arguing. It was so loud, and nobody was getting their point across. It was a huge waste of time. The thing that I struggled with most was being called on, and trying to get my point across. It was so hard for me to get the words I was thinking out. It would sound great in my head, but when I said it aloud, it'd sound terrible and irrelevant.

I feel the connections I've made here in Excelsior with my peers and adults have been good. I've gotten to meet new people, and I've learned teamwork. Teamwork and professional skills were the main thing I learned these four weeks. I've learned those skills are very important in Excelsior. I've learned professional skills come in handy when in a meeting, interview, etc. And I've learned teamwork is a good skill when on a job. You have to learn to cooperate with your fellow employees.