When the panel of industry speakers came to talk to our class I thought it was very interesting to hear all of their perspectives on the industry that each one of them works in.

I think that the most interesting that I learned from all of the speakers, was to always be ready for a confrontation with someone that could offer you a job or put in a good word for you. This was interesting to me because I had never really thought about how easy it would be for someone to catch me off guard if it was early in the morning, or if I was mentally exhausted from the day. The impact that this one statement had on me was drastic to say the least, solely because I thought that I had heard from enough industry speakers and that I would never learn anything more about my job field until I had actually entered into it.

From the beginning to the end I followed what all of these gentlemen said, and I was amazed that I was able to do that.

Other than the company that I work for, there wasn’t really a company that I found appealing throughout the discussion. I learned a lot about how the inside of Garmin works, and I even learned a lot about the history of how GTM became the company that it is today.

Throughout the time that the panel of industry speakers answered questions, I learned that college prepared them for the base knowledge that was needed to work at one of these companies. After the milestone of simple knowledge, diverse banks of knowledge are needed to push forward in the era that technology is in. From what they said, college was beneficial to these speakers, but the side projects and hobbies that they did while in school became the knowledge that was needed to excel in a job like theirs.

Towards the end there was some discussion about how college did stunt the creativity of a few of them because of the structured courses and unimaginative nature of some of the professors.

I found that this panel of industry speakers really helped me understand even deeper into the realm of jobs that I will be encountering in the next few years of my life. From start to finish, I enjoyed getting to listen to professionals in the industry that I am specifically looking to move into in the near future.