

In what ways have you deepened your knowledge of the job search process? Discuss what you have learned during the class and how it will assist you in achieving further academic and work related goals.

I have learned many things about my future career that I would probably never have known. This would include the salary, the hours, the environment, and the kind of education requirements. I have also learned how to make my own web page on Weebly and how to transfer files. I also learned that my Weebly page will show that I am a great choice to be an employee. This really helped me a lot because I was going into the Web Design field; the thirteen weeks I've been in Mrs. Candela's class has been a blast!

In this class I have learned the correct way to fill out a job application and answer questions in an interview. I think this information is extremely helpful. Now I am ahead of most other teens because I have a professional resume, cover letter, and portfolio. Also I have learned new study techniques that have helped me with my other classes.

I have learned how to make a portfolio. Before I didn't realize how important it was to have employers really understand how much you could be to them in the work place. If I didn't have this class I could have been at risk in the future of not getting my dream job. I learned that having a good attitude and having a job that you like to do is important, not only for the people around you, but it makes you happier doing what you like.

I never knew that there were so many letters that you have to write. I also didn't know that there was so much work in applying and hopefully getting the job. I didn't know that attitude was pretty much everything. I thought that looks didn't matter, but they play a huge part in getting the job you applied for [in an interview]. Throughout the class I have learned how to make my attitude very positive and respond to questions well and quickly. This class has also helped me to be more creative because making to Weebly site takes a lot of innovation. To conclude, I am very glad I have taken this class because I know that I have a much bigger chance of getting a job.

Before I came in this class I didn't know anything about interviews or career portfolios. I especially didn't know how to properly fill out a resume. I believe that this class will help me out a lot in the long run in my process to find a job. This class taught me all the main important things that people look for in hiring an applicant. When I first came into this class I thought it would be an easy A, but you really have to try. I didn't think all the things that I learned in this class would matter, but I was way off when I thought that. That is why I believe that this class will help me out overall.

Describe the process of creating your career portfolio.

What are you most proud of? What did you struggle with?

The process of making the portfolio was a good feeling. Just knowing that I will have an excellent advantage over my peers and possibly more experienced candidates makes me feel proud. Because it was stretched over a good amount of time i felt relaxed in making it which I feel is important. Weebly is easy to use and useful, the key components to a good anything. I didn't really struggle with anything everything was pretty straight forward.

The process of making my career portfolio was easy with the help of Mrs. Candela. She helped me learn what the job process was really about. She gave me specific dates and things to bring in for my career portfolio. I was very organized with the step by step process that she gave to us. It was easy to make my important papers and apply for jobs and I wasn't confused at all.

The process of creating my career portfolio has been a good experience. I enjoyed making things that make my career portfolio look professional so that it can possibly help me get a job somewhere in the future. What I am most proud of is my awards and achievements. I am most proud of this because it shows that I've achieved something in my life. What I struggled with the most is trying to make the portfolio look as creative as possible.

Creating my career portfolio on Weebly was very simple. Being able to just drag and drop what you want, made everything easier. I struggled with changing my background at first. However, after trying a few different ways, it finally worked out. I am most proud when I look at the final product. I love being able to go through the website and know that I made it.

In the process of making my career portfolio I was proud of the good work I was doing to accomplish it. I had great people in my life write nice things about me and it was very inspiring to know that people thought that way of me so if I would have never made a career portfolio I would have never knew of what people thought of me. The thing that I most struggled with in making this portfolio is academic awards. I have had a lot of academic awards in my life, too many to count, but I never knew that I would still need them to this day so while I was putting together my portfolio. I was disappointed that I didn't really have that many awards left [because I didn't keep them from the past].

I really enjoyed the process of creating my career portfolio. I liked the fact that I got to be creative and that there were so many opportunities to go above and beyond expectations. Thanks to Mrs. Candela's guidance and encouraging words, my portfolio looks awesome. My portfolio shows off my abilities and accomplishments. It has made me feel more confident about getting a job in the future.

What fears do you have for finding employment in the future? What actions will you take to make sure you stand out to an employer?

The tough economy has affected many people I personally know. My aunt had worked for GM for about 11 years and they let her go because they couldn't afford to pay her and many other co-workers. She had just bought a new house before she was let go and was planning on redoing it, but she can't now because of what the economy has done to her.

My stepmom was laid off two years ago. She has searched for a job but not had any success yet. My mom has taken pay cuts in her job as well. She has had to work more hours and stay later. Because of her increased hours we have not had to make any drastic changes in our expenditures.

The tough economy has affected my family by not letting my sisters find jobs. It has also affected my city very much to. My city pool has just been closed down because they weren't able to pay for it. There are also many abandoned buildings in my city that are all vandalized.

The economy has affected my family personally. My dad luckily is not laid off, but had many layoffs in his shop where he builds cars, planes, and others. He always feared being laid off and it drove our family crazy. There would be argument at my house over money. My dad seemed like he was always afraid for us. The last thing my dad ever wanted to do was to not be able to give my brother and me the "perfect life." He has gotten more work though in his shop and things are running a lot smoother. They are even hiring some of the employees back to work for the shop.

The economy has affected my family because we are small business owners. If we do not sell enough of our product, we have to make cuts. My parents cannot afford to hire any more help at the moment so they must work long, hard hours. Working these hours is getting harder as they get older. We also find it hard to take vacations as a family sometimes because our store can simply not afford to be shut down while we are gone.

My family has been affected by the poor economy by their house value going down. My dad has been laid off twice for 9 months each. I haven't been able to go to the places we have in the past because of the economy. My parents aren't making enough money as they should. My parents are also getting divorced and it will be even harder for them to survive during this economy.

Personally...my mom or dad couldn't buy me anything for Christmas.

I do not have personal experience except with the gas prices. My dad works 45 minutes away and has a truck. That's a lot of money spent on gas. But I know that the economy is really hurting a lot of people in St. Clair Shores not just my family. People can't get jobs, gas prices are so high and its hurting people and their families. I think the families that are REALLY hurting and are working 3 jobs to keep food on the table for their kids should be proud of themselves.