

Growing Out of the Awkward Stage

This week was full of growth and learning in a different environment. The ISM business symposium was held at Independence High School. This was a setting for students to learn more about professionalism, branding, and networking, while also getting a little bit of experience in interviewing.

For me, the business symposium helped me to grow out of the “awkward stage” of talking to new people, asking them questions, and answering the questions asked of me. I worked on my social skills and small talk. I got a great opportunity to grow this week so that when I start having interviews, I will not be so awkward.

Something I really need to work on is being outgoing. This is hard for me not only in a professional setting, but in everyday life as well. Unless I know someone, I am not likely to be outgoing right away. Working on this for ISM will be very important because this will help me to make more connections, get more interviews, and market myself better. Of course, these skills will not only be good for ISM. They will also be highly important for doing well on college interviews, future internship interviews, and future job interviews.

Now that I am growing out of the figurative awkward stage, it is time to be outgoing and meet new people.