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Assignment #6: Final Reflection / College Essay Prompt

Prompt: Describe how you have taken advantage of a significant educational opportunity.

In my junior year of high school, I pursued an internship with Whittier School and Stephen Dalton Architects. Over the course of five weeks, I worked alongside various employees and staff who were dedicated and determined to come into work each day. Interning at Whittier and SDA upheld many personal and educational challenges where I persevered constantly. Stepping into two completely different work environments taught me to appreciate all career fields. At Whittier I learned how to work in a fast paced environment and to “go with the flow” of how things ran. On the other hand, I learned how to work in an independant and relaxed office setting at the architecture firm. Working with the special needs and disabled children at Whittier taught me patience and that each and every one of them are just like us. Reflecting on my experience with SDA, I have definitely found my calling. SDA showed me the lengthy process of designing structures and turning an idea into reality.