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My experience of working on my culmination project, I have learned and improved on many aspects during the process of it. These include working on my time management, communication skills, teamwork and most importantly my skills as a cinematographer. I enjoyed working in a group as we were all assigned different roles in order to complete our project in the time that we had available. Because we had such a tight schedule between our group, we worked till the final day before our project was due. We were excited that we had a final product that my whole group agreed that we were all satisfied with. Having our schedule definitely helped us keep track of our deadlines to make sure that we were going to have our project complete in time for the presentations. My group members were all communicating with each other especially after we completed production and were in our post production phase where we were sharing progress with how the editing of our film was going.

During my presentation, I was pretty nervous about it. Even though it was on Zoom and not in person still did not help me not be nervous about presenting what I had been working on this whole semester to faculty and students. I thought about ways that would help me be calm during my presentation. The best way was to hide all of the participants in the call so I could think in my mind that I was presenting to myself like I did when I was practicing. I also had a lot of writing in my presentation, which following it I wish that I had made it into bullet points and built off of them. I also should have added a lot more photos from the film on my slides to make it better visually pleasing. I was happy to hear the following week that my team had been chosen for selected presentations which meant that we would have to present this time in person in front of faculty and students. This made me even more nervous as I would not be able to hide the participants like I did on Zoom. It turned out to not be as bad as I thought presenting our project in front of everyone. Me and one of my teammates Brannon worked on combining both of our individual presentations where we can both talk about our own experiences during the process of completing our short film. Darnell was unfortunately unable to attend the selected presentations. I enjoyed presenting in person as it gave me a better connection between being the presenter and talking to the audience. I enjoyed getting feedback in person and also answering many questions that the audience had.

I enjoyed presenting my poster during the poster board session and hearing feedback and answering questions from viewers. The experience of this was very interesting and made it feel very professional presenting a project that was about a year in the making. Hearing the feedback I received in person helped me out because I was hearing it face to face with someone and not only seeing it as a text message or comment online. For my poster board, I had to update it from last semester because in the beginning, we had planned that our project was going to be a car commercial which would have lasted 30-60 seconds. We had changed this idea a couple weeks into this semester as we thought that the video would be too short and we came up with an idea of creating a short film with a storyline that somehow included a car. We spent a little while coming up with how we can create a short film with a car and finally came up with one. The budget of the project stayed about the same that we originally had because we were using the same exact equipment.

Overall, I am very happy with the outcome of my culmination project. My team was able to complete our short film in the given time that we had which included pre production, production and post production. This included also keeping our ePortfolio's updated, having our technical advisor meetings, working on our presentations, and having our other classes and out of class obligations. Even with the change of our original plans at the beginning of the semester, my group was still able to keep on track with our schedule and keep up with all of our deadlines and have our short film completed just in time.