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Professional Development Critique #1

The purpose of the first workshop was guiding students on how to write an impressive resume. This workshop was a meeting that took place online through the handshake app by Vialto on July 17, 2024 titled “Tips for Writing a Strong Resume”. There were 2 speakers. The first one named Brewerton who is Global Early careers Strategy Manager in Canada and the second speaker was John Wrenn who is the Early Career Recruitment Senior Associate in the United States. The workshop was 2 hours long, starting at 8 pm and ending at 10 pm.

One of the many important information one has learned from this workshop is learning the 4’s of writing a resume. The 4 C’s are for resume writing are clear, concise, complete and consistent. This greatly assists one's professional growth because the hosts went into intricate details of how to build a complete resume and what to avoid. Also the benefits of attending these workshops is bringing one's attention to little details that are essential and that companies look for . One will use the information learned in implementing the knowledge one has obtained during the meeting on altering and fixing their resume.

The biggest take-away from the workshop is even if one has no job experience, one should still include the volunteer or and extracurricular work one has participated in. Simultaneously if one has done internships before, one should quantify all the achievements during one’s time there and list them in the resume. The way one would explain it to a peer or colleague is that one should attend one professional development workshop at the least before graduating because it’s truly a helpful and beneficial tool to anyone attempting to find/ get a job. One will use this in one's professional career because realizing how the experiences section on one’s resume is one of the most critical parts so only relevant attributes should be included and that one should go back and revise one’s resumes to tailor them according to the job position they’re applying for, therefore increasing one’s chances of getting the job position ones interested in.

This workshop can add to the knowledge obtained at New York City College of Technology because it provides one with further knowledge and resources that are available and could be beneficial in one's professional growth. The knowledge given in the workshop was to assist current students with navigating how to venture into their professional career but also the resources given could help one in the future after graduating. The hosts mentioned that Vialto extends more workshops covering many different topics. There’s this upcoming seminar called “Building Your Personal Brand” that seems intriguing. Much similar to a project one had to create for an internship class that was titled “Brand Image” that got the student thinking about

what they want to be known for and how they would like to be presented. A seminar like this could be a great initiative to help one build more on that topic and how to share that image as one enters the working field.