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1. What was the purpose of this workshop? Its title, names of who hosted, who attended? where?

The purpose of this workshop was for one to gain insight into someone who would be interested in a career in the IT world. The world of technology is ever-changing even with the recent development of Artificial intelligence making its debut in a world that once before was only run by humans. Furthermore, one was to gain knowledge on how their own unique experiences made an impact on how and why they chose the field that they continue to choose. One's purpose was to imagine oneself in a career path that may not be fashionable but may be able to combine the knowledge that one has and see if one would be able to get a foot in the door of a company in a fashion that may soon require IT knowledge. The title of the seminar was Breaking Barriers: Inspiring Journeys into IT – a panel discussion with minority IT professionals. The people who hosted the seminar were Rosemary Fermin, Kim Santiago Mangual, and Shruti Tamrakar Tuladhar.

2. What was the most significant thing you have learned in this workshop? Why is it so important? Give details.

One of the most significant things that one was able to take away from this workshop was that one's got to be patient and that it isn't a competition to be the best in the industry. If one is coming into the workplace with the mentality of fending only for oneself then it shows that one isn't a team player and isn't interested in trying to carry a healthy workplace. So, for one to be able to get ahead there's a humble attitude that must be established with oneself without the inclination that one is trying to look too arrogant which causes a rift with how people may perceive such one person. Furthermore, being a conscience, it is important to establish that type of connection in such a way that may be able to work out in the workplace and people feel freer to want to work to oneself. Otherwise, people would want to avoid working

alongside someone who is not a team player. The advice that one can learn from this workshop is to be open to being critiqued not to take it personally and to be self-aware of other people's experiences too.

3. What would you share with your colleagues about this professional development seminar? Why? Please explain in detail. Should be different than the previous answer in #2.

What one should share about this professional development seminar is by breaking barriers in the technology field is that there are a lot of people who are going to be competitive and want to be on top before anyone else. So, now it is a competitive field but even though it is, it is extremely rewarding because even though it is it shouldn't discourage one from not wanting to pursue this career. It should create excitement for one to go into it because it creates a healthy competition attitude and if there wasn't one would doubt that one would want to pursue it and give it their all. So, even though one can go into this career it is important to note that it is going to be tough, but the journey is very much worth it, and one should consider spreading their wings to other opportunities that may arise for one. The reason why one should share this with one of their colleagues is because it is extremely important to keep in mind that success is a team effort not just for one person but that everyone other than one could also be successful and that there is room at the top.

4. How does this professional development seminar contribute/enhance your learning as a BUF major at New York City College of Technology, CUNY?

This professional developmental seminar contributed to my learning. BUF major here at the New York City College of Technology, CUNY because one was able to understand the ins and outs of how the real world may treat other people. The haven of being a student is finally taken off so now the band-aid will be ripped off for one when one graduates with their degree. Also, this seminar consisted of a few things like venturing out of one's comfort zone, just because one's degree is in fashion doesn't mean that one should not pursue other careers of one's other interests too. For example, this seminar was on IT but one of the hosts mentioned how fashion companies use IT to be able to get information on people's habits and ways of doing things and advertising content to those who may be more appealed to than going in circles and trying to figure it out. But, now since technology can go so many ways

today; one should be open-minded to what's going on and pay attention to the business of fashion websites for one to become acquainted with what's going on in fashion in terms of the advancement of technology.

5. What are some of the most valued lessons you have learned during your time at NYCCT? Which classes/events? Why? Give details.

Some of the most valuable lessons that one has learned during their time at NYCCT is that asking a lot of questions and being memorable is extremely important. Being memorable is important because if one needs letters of recommendation from professors there's a reputation that needs to be established beyond the grades that are given to their students. The more memorable you are and do great quality work consistently the more people are going to give one a solid recommendation letter. There was class one of one's courses we're hard when it came to English and citations but thanks to Prof. Laura Westengard the professor was able to help one understand how to write more effectively, and in a manner that was clear for one to get good grades from that semester. An event that changed one's life was that they were able to come off of academic probation and make the dean's list all in that semester when one was not doing as well as they should have previously