

## My Career Quest

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Prior to the Career Quest trip, I never networked before, let alone knew exactly what direction I wanted to go in with my interest in photography. To say the least, I was completely nervous, and the thought of speaking with people who were already successful in their field slightly discouraged me.

Once I attended the Career Quest Cohort meeting, and participated in a practice networking activity, I became a little less afraid and took all of the necessary steps to prepare for the big day (the first site visit). Monday's schedule was to visit Maximum Entertainment Productions, Getty Images, Aperture Foundation, and have the alumni dinner.

All in all, I was worried about NOTHING this entire time because everyone that spoke to us was extremely helpful. Each speaker had one thing in common.. they didn't know what direction to go in with their career, which is the same position I am in. They told their stories, and reassured to all of us that if you ask questions, put yourself out there, and remain determined, you will find your place in any field of work.

My favorite site was Getty Images. As we were shown around the office spaces, I could see myself working there. I felt the talent and passion in every room, and I know that this is somewhere I would actually enjoy to work.

Mike, the spokesperson for Getty; was very convincing. He enjoyed his position there and swore by it. That was the kind of energy I was hoping to see throughout these site visits.

I learned a great deal of information on this trip, while also learning a little more about myself and what could potentially interest me. I am excited to see what life has in store for me, and I am eager to utilize my new networking skills that I have been taught along the way. I am also looking forward to participate in any other Career Quest trips in the future.