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Computer Empowerment

Reflection #3

Well here we are. The end of the semester has finally come to the fall semester of 2005 at Pace University. Being a transfer student and new to the whole college life experience, this has been the opportunity of a life time. Just a few short years ago, I sat at home wondering what I have been missing out on. Well, now I know. Anyhow, I want to reflect back on opportunity. For me, this is a word that brings much happiness into my life. Opportunitas, that's Pace's motto to begin with. This semester, the opportunities that I have taken advantage of and been placed in front of to perform for are great. This is where now I can reflect on the opportunities that I have been fortunate enough to be a part of in TS-105 Computers for Human Empowerment class.

In the beginning of the year I walked into Pace University ready to take on the world. I did not know how and I did not know how far I would get, but I had one goal in mind which was to see how far I could carry myself to any bound necessary to gain the ultimate goal of success. My meaning of success is simple. Smile, be happy, and make everyone around me have a brighter day because somehow, someway, I was able to affect them strong enough to impact their day, positively.

Now here I am, in TS 105 given the opportunity to use what skills I have acquired in life, that I may not known I have possessed, to teach and help better another human being. I came into the class positive, looking forward to the opportunity to work with these young individuals. I do not want to come off as a Mister knows it all, because I of all people know that is not the truth, but I came in this class confident that I can make a

difference, and for that matter, I believe I have. I had said in my second reflection I did not know if what I was trying to do with these students would help, or if they would remember. Well, I was wrong. When these students came in each Wednesday, the students I had previously worked with wanted to sit with me again. They came by and said hello, they asked me how my day was. I can not describe the feeling. Not that these students remembered me, but because I was able to influence them enough positively that they wanted to return, and learn more.

During this class, as you know, I was given a second opportunity, which I have to thank you first hand for. This opportunity was the Power Point presentation. Professor you enabled me to combine my drive to stand out and impact people, chances I need to take to speak in front of people, and other skills I didn't know I had, like ^{It} Charisma. I am a business major. I have wanted all my life to stand in front of a group of people and use Power Point and present, as if I was preparing myself for my future. When this presentation was dropped in my lap, it was exactly what I needed. I never used Power Point before, yes, I have stood in front of class a few times, but this opportunity let me show myself that I can do it.

I am going to have to say that the biggest lesson I have learned throughout this course was more then finding out I may be a good communicator, and help teach. The lesson that I really learned this semester, through the opportunities of teaching and presenting was to believe in myself. I have always had support and people believing in me, however, I lacked that support in myself somewhat, until now. Thank you and I am looking forward to presenting again, because if I can help West Hab and myself in any way, I'm there.