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 In the past several weeks I've been teaching and also at the same time I've been learning from the senior citizen home, The Hallmark. It was not only a one way teaching and learning path but it went both ways because at the same time that I taught my senior citizen student I also learned a lot of new things. Observing the way senior citizens depended on email communication was very helpful to me because it showed me what should I mainly focus on throughout the teaching time and it was also amazing on how emails were very important to them. Joining and registering for this class I did not expect the results that I received and gained. The experience that I gained in teaching on how to use a computer, I will never forget and never let go because I learned many new things about people and about the advanced products that are made for people.

 Looking back I at first was nervous on meeting a new elderly person that I know nothing of and is not related to me. Hallmark greeted us very kindly and I felt welcomed in being their with all of my fellow class mates, Allison was very informative and helpful in all the things we should know about the Hallmark students that wanted to receive computer lessons. The nervousness went away when the first meeting was made with all the Pace students and all of the Hallmark students. I was relieved when the Hallmark students came and introduced themselves and spoke about their past experience in life and with technology. Jokes were made and that actually helped me a lot to calm myself down to introduce myself and say things about myself. At the end of the meeting we actually got to speak with the Hallmark students and talk to them about the certain things they would like to improve and learn about computers. We got to choose our student, Larry Greenberg and learned things of him.

 Week after week coming to Hallmark was more of a ease to me because I knew the people that were going to be there and I didn't seem like a stranger. Basically Hallmark was like a second school for me because at the same time I was a student and a teacher, I learned many things from student that I never knew before and I taught many things that my student did not know or thing of doing. Larry was very eager on knowing how to email his family members and friends, so we got started right away on entering his email account and adding everyone that he wanted to get in contact with constantly in his contact list. After adding his contact list we started sending emails out alerting everyone and informing them that he would constantly be entering and checking his email account in order to stay in contact with them.

 After meeting with Larry after a few more weeks I started noticing that he just wanted to go straight to the lesson and not waste any time. Another thing I noticed about Larry was that he started to recognize on how to login and what places he should go in order to see and send emails. Larry was a very cooperative and also cool person that I wouldn't mind in teaching again he was also funny and told jokes. Seeing Larry learn in the manner that my partner and I taught him made me see things differently because it has showed me that I am able to teach a person on how to use some advanced things. In conclusion I really enjoyed in taking the challenge on teaching new things and opening up new ways for my student Larry Greenberg, and he has also been a teacher to me because I learned new things and started to see things more differently.