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To be honest, when I signed up for the class in the summer I just figured it would be another boring CIS class where we go in once a week and sit at a computer for 2 hours. I took this class as an A.O.K. just to fill in some credits on my schedule. I didn’t need the class in order to graduate however I am certainly glad I signed up for it. Let me start off by saying we had an EXCELLENT teacher Prof. Jean Coppola who has done everything she possible could to help every single student in the class out with anything they needed. She was always around and if she was busy she would make sure to make up a time to meet one of her students. She did not favor anyone particular student and treated everyone equally just as any teacher should. I honestly believe that Prof. Coppola would spend an hour helping out a student who isn’t even in her class just because she knows she could help someone out. She has a very big heart and no I am not just sucking up to the teacher.

Anyway, when I got to the class for the first time in September, I knew right away that this wasn’t going to be any ordinary computer class. This was something very different as well as unique all together. I learned that we would be going to a nursing home, United Hebrew Geriatric Center in New Rochelle as a class to help out the elderly. The class was all around brilliant. I got to witness first-hand how tough it can be sometimes for the elderly to try and keep up in this new aged world full of technology that they have never seen or heard about for more than half of their lives. It was an amazing experience to be able to be the one to be the teacher for once and have individuals triple my age as my students that actually looked forward to learning from me as well as my classmates every Tuesday.

On top of helping out the senior citizens on the computers for an hour every Tuesday, my group which consisted of me and 3 other classmates helped the seniors out with the Nintendo Wii. Our project was basically to demonstrate the Nintendo Wii to the seniors and basically show them how it can become a part of their everyday routine to help them out physically as well as mentally when it comes to memorization. The project turned out to be very successful. We took loads of pictures throughout the semester of the seniors competing with each other for victory in certain Wii sport games such as Wii Bowling, Wii Tennis, and Wii baseball.

It was more exciting than I thought the project would turn out to be. I was anxious to get to the nursing home each Tuesday in order to work with the elderly who literally signed up weeks in advance to operate the Nintendo Wii. Since the seniors were so eager to start up the Wii project, it made it that much more exciting to get started. The class overall really is an amazing one and I truly believe every student at some point in their 4 to 5 years here at Pace should take part in a program such as this one. It really feels great to help people out let alone receive credits for it like it was just like any other class.

I have never felt so accomplished before in my life when it comes down to passing a class as I did for this CIS class. A class that I really had no interest in since the summer wound up to be my favorite class of the semester, possibly even the best class that I will ever be a part of here at Pace. I have to once again thank Prof. Coppola for giving me this opportunity to be a factor in someone else’s life. I met a lot of great people who I would never even have known existed if it wasn’t for this unique class which I personally feel that everyone should be a part of.