

Com 114

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My communication class at Purdue Calumet has been quite an experience. I never thought that I would have enjoyed this class as much as I did. Communication is one class that I can honestly say that I looked forward to attending every Monday and Wednesday. I have learned and experienced many things in this class; however, the three things that have really had an impact on me were the great people that I have met, the type of group activities that we did, and the chance to face a fear of talking in front of a group of strangers.

First off I would like to talk about the people that I have met in Com 114 starting with the teacher. My teacher for this class Amanda John was excellent. Amanda was relatively close in age to most of the kids in class, including myself so it was easy to adjust and feel comfortable around her. She was very friendly and tough when it was necessary. I have learned a lot from her and she may not know this, but most of the things she taught me were very useful in other classes. Some of my classmates were also a blast to have in class. In the area that I sit in my communication class, there is a group of ladies that I really have connected with. I really enjoyed working with them on class projects and enjoyed the encouragement they gave me before and after my speeches. They were all really nice and smart ladies and I hope in the future I have them in classes or see them around campus. The entire class was fun and interesting and I got the chance to meet a lot of new people.

Second, I want to talk about all the group activities and class discussions that we had. I enjoyed all of the talks and discussions we had together. Most of the kids in the class were

outgoing and had a lot of fun and interesting things to share with the class. We did a number of group activities in class and I was excited to take part in each one. My favorite activity just so happens to be every single one. There is not one activity that I can think of that was boring or pointless. I valued each of these activities equally and thought that they were all beneficial to the class; however, I did like making up the persuasive commercials a lot. I thought everybody put a lot of creativity and individuality in them. I think without the group activities and class discussions that we would not have had the open, comfortable environment that we did.

Last but certainly not least, I was able to face a fear of talking in front of strangers. I am typically not a shy person and I am always eager to meet new people, but when it comes down to speaking on an intelligent and serious level I freeze up and get extremely nervous. I do not enjoy the feeling of people staring at me and judging me on the information I am telling them. During my speeches, I feel I did terrific considering my fear of talking in front of strangers. I think everybody has a fear of speaking in front of strangers, some worse than others and I think we all did fantastic on our speeches. This communication has taken me a step closer to actually being able to give a speech in front of strangers without being extremely nervous or so scared that I lose focus of my topic.

Overall my communication class was a wonderful experience and I had a blast. I am thankful that I met a lot of great people, worked on a number of fun and exciting group activities, and actually faced a fear of talking in front of strangers. I know throughout college and when I get my career I will meet and work with new people and I will also have to get up a talk in front of strangers, and this communication class has brought me one step closer to making those experiences successful. I really enjoyed and learned a lot from this class, and I am glad that it is a required class so everyone can get a chance to endure this experience themselves.