

Mr. Joe Correia's visit brought me joy. I believe it was important for me to see someone graduate from university and working on projects that they loved to then use that experience and apply it to new forms of work in the "real world" and still be successful. For a very long time I have struggled with what comes next after graduating. Especially because I have so many dreams and passions as well as a few other things I am good at on top of it all. It has always been very difficult for me to come up with a final decision. This visit has helped with putting things into perspective. It has made visible the transferable skills that I have learned and developed not only in this class but elsewhere. Honestly, the fact that it was also a relaxed and free flowing conversation was so helpful as well. It helped solidify the fact that Correia once was one of us! Themes from his presentation included hard work, determination, creativity, innovation, and self-satisfaction. It was interesting to learn about the work he put into the student magazine during his time at York.

To date, I believe this was one of our best presentations. We all had the connection of being distant peers and I genuinely think that made the group so comfortable in our conversations with him. Since Correia has done this before he knew exactly how to boost our confidence in our work. From taking us through his own experiences writing and editing, there were little tidbits and gems that complimented all the themes we have learned thus far in class. His talk was entirely relevant to our eventual magazine creation. From talking about adhering to a theme and relevant information for readers, as well as the power that comes along with curating just an important piece of art, we left the talk with a wealth of knowledge. A key takeaway from his presentation is the idea of staying true to what you love and knowing when it is time to say goodbye. As our time as undergraduate students at York University comes to a bittersweet end, Joe Correia's presentation made me realize the importance of looking forward

while always cherishing the memories and experiences that contributed so largely to our own growth as students, professionals, and individuals.

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