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### **End of Course Reflection**

One of my favorite topics this year was public relations. It wasn't so much the activity, but listening to the guest speaker explain what she did for businesses that I liked. It was fun to hear about crisis situations especially. I also liked writing not only because I writing in general, but I had never known that business writing would be so different than the writing I learned to do in school. The four line rule was an amazing concept that could be easily incorporated into my business life with a little practice. It was definitely helpful because I am in the process of creating my own business, and I was good at manipulating words and their order to fit what I wanted to say. I was also good at budgeting. I knew where my money had to go so my business could be at least semi-successful. I'm sure I could improve at both, but they were two of my best skills. I had challenges in creating a good mission and vision statement because there was so much my partner and I wanted to say, and our ideas were too different. Eventually, we ended up going our separate ways. I learned that I am insecure when I don't have something to compare my work to. Even if I followed all the directions, I'd have to ask a friend what they had done to be confident that my work was acceptable.

My expectations for myself moving forward are that I am more confident when it comes to business work. I learned many things that are applicable to my life right now and I was able to practice them in the class before I was out in the real world. Some include the ability to write clearly, speak publically, and be professional in interactions with new people. I will use what I have learned to make my real business successful. I will attempt to graduate with a Non Profit academy Certificate because it will only help me in the future. It's always good to try, even if you end up failing. I will incorporate this into my senior project. I might use the skills I learned to help with public relations, for example. I'm still not sure what I'm going to do, though, so nothing is set in stone, and I'm not sure how Liz might be able to help me.