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Reflection#5

Working on websites hasn't always been easy, but the challenge is what makes a learner. I found out my role in more research topics is to find and conduct interviews for those who don't have a voice. Sometimes I would even give my perspective on things I went through and places I lived. I feel that CODES provided the opportunity to give people a step inside my reality and who I am. Breaking down the struggles of flash floods and how negatively they affect the community. I even collaborated with fellow CODES students who have gone through similar situations I never knew about.

Working with a team has had its ups and downs, but it was all worth it. It helped me develop who I am and the type of leadership style I display. I normally try to hear everyone out and narrow it down to what is in the best interest of everyone. However, there will be times when you have to make your own decisions—creating opportunities for growth and a change in the pace of how you learn everything. I remember last semester when I was working with Venus and lyric, we talked about was to reach the audience of our collaboration. We didn't have the surveys yet, along any results to display, so we started being transparent with our viewers. I suggested that we find information about why these were problems and future steps we could take.

Everyone is pitching their ideas to find something to work for all of us. It was many nights and sometimes busier days, but it was all worth it in the end.

I learned that I could be a little bit of everything because what leader doesn't have those traits? Being able to sit down and listen to your peers or criticisms from your professors. I learned to be patient and open-minded with the simple things of life. I know that everything won't go my way, but there is beauty in waiting for things. This can be applied with research, going months to years without a breakthrough. It took one more day before you figured everything out. Endurance and grit make you a lot more capable than you give yourself credit for. CODES taught me more than I expected coming into this program. I feel there is still a lot of growing and knowledge needing development over the next 2 years. I am excited for the future and the challenges that will continue to develop my overall character and skills with writing. If there wasn't a challenge with anything you do, could you really say you earned it?