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Having had the opportunity to write for CVMagazine, I can honestly say that I have learned a lot of valuable skills and concepts. The experience was extremely exciting and interesting as I rarely write anything that will be published. It was different knowing that what I wrote would be for the real world and not just as a class assignment. I learned the importance of accuracy in my writing. Often writing assignments contains your opinion however this article was real and had to be accurate. I realize that it's very important to be accurate because if not the story will not reflect the truth.

I also got a taste of interviewing. I was told how to interview by speaking clearly and formulating my questions appropriately. I find knowing how to interview someone is an important skill. I think it's essential to learn because later on in life many people will be interviewed or will interview someone. Therefore knowing how to interview someone prepares you to be interviewed for something such as a job. I really enjoyed interviewing, although at times it was difficult to think of a question to ask.

Teamwork played a large role in this assignment as I enjoyed the experience with my two friends. We worked together to achieve our goal to the best of our abilities. We all took part in the interviewing by asking our own questions however I was the main reporter while another was the photographer and the secondary reporter. By having two reporters to write things down we received more information as my friend was able to write things down that I couldn't because I was already in the process of writing. It was also easier to write the article as a team because we all understood different aspects of the interview better than others so we were able to put it all together. I learned how to cooperate very well with my friends as we helped each other out during the interview. I learned the values of teamwork and how to create an article with several ideas from different people.

During this experience I also learned about my community. Due to my article and many others I had read in the Gleaner I learned that there are many interesting people in my community who have started a business they are passionate about. Their stories provided me with insight as to how one can begin their own business and make a living from it. Each person featured in the CVMagazine had an interesting story that I highly appreciated. I admire that fact that so many local people are doing things they love. I was extremely proud that I could contribute to their success by writing about them. I learned that there are so many people in my community who should be appreciated for what they have done.

I really enjoyed my experience; the interviewing, the teamwork and the process of writing an article, as well as working with a professional journalist. Phil Norton was especially wonderful to work with. He was humorous while at the same time constructive. He really helped me understand how an interview should be approached and what to put in an article. Overall the experience was delightful and gratifying. It felt nice to show my appreciation toward something people usually take for granted.