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Orientation

Out of Class Summary II: Walt Disney Career Programs

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On October 7, all students were required to go to a presentation on Walt Disney's College Program. When this presentation started, they started showing all the different properties of Disney. Then they told us that they are 2nd most heard about corporation in the world under McDonald's. Disney also employs just about or more people than anyone else.

The Disney presenters were sent to recruit people into the college program. They gave us all applications and job preference sheets. After this they showed us a series of 10 minute (approx.) clips of what people do in this program. Between them was an explanation of each. After all of the clips and explanations, the recruiters told us to fill the applications out and turn them in for an interview. Most of us did the application/interview. We were then told to fill the job preference sheets out. With my application and job preference sheets, I required a reader. So, I did both.

I was extremely concerned about going to Florida for a multitude of reasons. Would I be able to take the light and heat? I heard from someone who has firsthand experience. He says it is much worse than Kentucky. Would I be able to keep

my home that I rent? Probably not, because the management that I am under frowns on a 5-7 month trip like that. Would I be able to see my work? I have no clue.

The interview came and I talked to the recruiter. She asked me her questions. One question was “Why did you pick the Disney College Program? Another one was “You know that in order to get this position, you have to be available at all times. Don’t you? I replied that I understood, but because of my medical concerns, I didn’t feel like that I could easily work days.

Incidentally, I did not get the call to go to Florida. I think it would be a great experience if my medical needs and my living arrangements were different. However, under obvious limitations it may not be a good plan. I enjoyed the experience of getting interviewed however. Hopefully, this won’t be the last time.