On August 24, 2016, I took a visit to Sierra View Medical center to do my job shadow for my senior project. I chose phlebotomist as my job shadowing because ever since I was small I've really never been afraid of needles. As I got older and anytime I had any kind of doctor's appointment I would always just sit and watch my doctor give me my shots. For some reason I was the only child to not be afraid of blood or watching it go inside your arms or fingers. I've always been interested in the business to being a phlebotomist because for one I could show kids and even some adults that getting shots and drawing blood isn't so scary. As they think it is because they would have somebody like me to be by their side every step of the way.

  When I arrived at the location I wasn't going to lie I was pretty nervous because I was walking into something I would like to call my future job one day. When I first got there I really didn't know what to expect like I didn't know if they were going to be nice or mean or actually pay attention or not. But actually when I walked in everybody was actually very nice to me and they also would stop and answer like any kind of questions I needed to know or got stuck on. When I got there they gave me a name tag so that everybody over there could remember my name but they also had name tags as well so that I could remember all of their names too. They also did that for me was so that I wouldn't feel alone. So I had thought that, that was really nice of them to do that for me knowing that they didn't have to do that but that they wanted too. But so after that they had greeted me in with a big welcome and they told me that I hope I like it from the time I walked in not knowing much about it and the time I walk out that building hoping that I learned something new and that it's not wanting to change my mind about being a phlebotomist.

After we all met and got to share some names with each other, they started to show me around. Like where some people have their own offices and where they put all the patients at and where they have the waiting room at and where they put away all the papers at when they're done or still needing to look back at one. I also got to watch how they set up everything. Like  what we did next was that I got to watch one of the ladies set up and get prepared to do blood on somebody.

What I did next was that I was almost forgetting to interview them. Well when I was doing my job shadowing I didn't just only have one person I kind of had a group of four. The main lady that allowed me to take up a few hours of her day, time, and let me actually see the inside of becoming a phlebotomist her name was Alma Gancia. Within those four people of course I asked my questions and when I asked they pretty much gave me the exact kind of answer I was looking for. Actually I had also learned that those three other people that were with her she had once trained those exact people that were with me, talking to me, and helping me with things as well. So I had thought that, that was thoughtful because that was just a little something that they wanted to share with me so I was glad to say that I was a part of that.

What I could say that I've learned from this experience is that every job is going to have their good sides and bad sides. Some main questions I asked Alma to give me were some good ones. I asked her how you get started in this field. She told me that she started because a friend had recommended phlebotomy to her. Another good one that I liked that she told me was that what school you attended to. I like it because I was thinking about bigger and farther schools. Until she told me about that there are closer ones like here in Porterville and Visalia, and she went to the Porterville adult school. What I also like about it is that whenever I was there oh how I liked seeing all those patients faces and knowing that you did something good. There's also something I learned and that I also liked it, like it's not only about drawing blood you could even actually go into becoming a lab scientist. Now the cons, there really wasn't a whole lot for me I only have maybe two of them. The first one I'd have to say is that for their job they work a lot of overtime, like they can sometimes put 10-20 hours a day. The other one I'd have to say is that it sometimes smells in there but that's about the only other thing I'd have to say that was from my cons.

All in all, I could say that yes I had a pretty fun day that day. I liked everything about it and how everybody works together and how there system is. So with that being said, I would say that I still feel pretty interested in this job, because it's always been something of mine that I've wanted to do. I just like working with people, young and old,  I feel that as I get older and when I go to school for this that I know that I didn't make the wrong choice and that I want this to be my life long term job.