

*Future of Work Experience Reflection*

When I signed up for *PD2030: The Future of Work*, admittedly I thought I was signing up for something of a discussion seminar to learn about and ideate the what the workplace and workforce might look like in the future. As it turned out, the class was really a hands-on design thinking class where we were able to work with a firm, BHDP, on solving and forecasting future-of-work problems.

This would consist of three sprints, each providing an opportunity to explore a design problem relating to how workplace behaviors and human needs will evolve. The setup of the class allowed us to use the first couple sprints to get comfortable with the process before our final sprint which was a much more intense inquiry. Each sprint required the different groups of 3-4 students to carry out vigorous research, creative brainstorming, and sophisticated presentation design.

While there were many artifacts generated along the way—mind maps, research data, brainstorming exercises, and more—it makes the most sense to attach the final presentation for the third sprint. This was by far the most challenging and fruitful, and the product is something my team and I are very proud of. Our topic revolved around emerging tech as well as generational behaviors towards work, and how these factors will coalesce to affect the way work may look at various intervals in the future.

I also am attaching my first presentation. It is much less impressive, and that is the point. When the class discussed at the end, everyone was shocked at how far we had all matured in our ability to form and present creative ideas. Finally, I will be attaching my cumulative journal from the class, which contains various reflections we did throughout the course.

This class was, to put it academically, wicked cool. The topics and products of the class are all on the surface very engaging and thought provoking. However, it will without a doubt be the design thinking and presentation skills that will serve as the class's greatest legacy in my career.