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As members of the Redeemed '19 class continue to concluded successfully, leave the nurturing biosphere of graduates and executive volunthe Sanders Estes unit and enter teers returned to the PEP classthrough repetition.

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Once the interviews were the into the fast paced world out- room where a touching video side, it becomes necessary to featuring family members of the equip these individuals with all recently graduated was shown. of the skills necessary for them CEO Bryan Kelley reminded to become hirable in today's everyone just how much support marketplace. This is the prima- they could count on and from ry goal of Redeemed 19's last the many different areas that it event. Executive volunteers do- will come from. He then pernated their time to sit down with formed a mock interview with the recent graduates and make Victor Lopez upfront and center. sure that they were able to com- Critiques were given, with much petently answer the difficult praise awarded to the interviewquestions that will undoubtedly ee. The day ended on a bit of a be asked in nearly any interview bittersweet note as Victor scenario. Advice was given on Guitierrez announced that he how to take what could be a po- would be leaving the PEP organtentially interview ending ques- ization to pursue his lifelong • tion and turn it into an unequiv- dream of working in the music ocally positive response. Multi- industry. The last event on the ple rounds of interviews were Redeemed schedule was a re- provided to gain experience sounding success and ended with many hugs, handshakes and farewells.

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With Redeemed '19's last event is impractical, but we know and have made it the true life-changing one of you, we offer our gratitude. vehicle that it is for everyone involved.

two men who were with us every lowed us to individualize and develsuch dedicated and experienced for us. brothers to conduct us along this you.

are so many such executive volun- in this program. teers that to thank them individually

officially concluded, we now have they know who they are. It is entirethe opportunity to reflect upon the ly humbling to know that there is an entire journey. When looking back army of educated and successful through the memories and pictures businesspeople willing to take the from the last nine months, several time out of their busy, valuable recurring themes present themselves. schedules and make the effort to Prominently featured among them drive to Venus to join us for so are change, growth, and giving. many classes and events. Without This last topic gives us the chance to the dedication shown by these men consider those that have not only and women, our best efforts would made this program possible, but be found lacking. To each and every

Not to be left out are our many business plan advisors. They might It seems appropriate to take a few not have been able to make it to evelines to thank those who have con- ry event, but their allegiance to PEP sistently donated their time and re- and the time commitment that they sources to give this class every invested in us is no less significant. chance to succeed. A special heart- The necessary information that they felt thanks should be given to the provided for our business plans alsingle step of the way. To Mr. Gami op upon our ideas. They also al-Jasso and Mr. David Flores, Re- lowed for expanded accuracy and a deemed extends our warmest grati- realistic touch that would not have tude, truly from the bottom of our been possible without them. Thank hearts. We are blessed to have two you for your making this a reality

It is now our time to take a cue path. Your love, guidance, and pa- from these dedicated men and womtience is evident in all that you do en and begin to give of our time and for us each and every day. Thank efforts. PEP will not continue to be the opportunity that it currently is if There are also those that could we do not commit to helping those not join us on a daily basis, but that follow behind us. Let us join would have been here if it was at all forces with these volunteers and lift possible for them to do so. There Legendary to heights not yet reached

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