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My presence online does represent the real me and my academic identity. To understand my online reputation, I will be discussing at the most recent posts that are on my social media profiles. I will also discuss how often I have posted, and the quality and quantity of my posts. Finally, we will look to see if my online reputation is close to who I am and my academic identity. The social medias that I have a presence are on Instagram and Facebook. After my research, I have determined that my online identity is very similar to my real life and academic identity.

First, we will look at how what I have posted recently on Facebook and Instagram describes who I am academically and personally. On Facebook, the most recent posts that can be seen are about: Longwood/ teacher prep, 4-H camp, and the local community that I am from. Longwood and academics are very important to me. I take pride in the work that I do in the classroom. Teacher prep is the program that prepares future teachers at Longwood. This is very important to me since I want to be an history teacher one day. It is a hard program to get into so, it is a big deal and I am very proud of it. Also, the posts are not that frequent and mostly there is a post three times a week. They are more common when there is a holiday or something important is happening. For example, Louisa County went to the Virginia states football competition last weekend, and there was more post on the Facebook page than normal. Also, I tend to not post very much about going out at college. The last time there was a post about partying it was on Halloween and before that it was about a vacation that I took with some of my friends. My use of Instagram is very similar to Facebook in the quantity and quality of the posts. All of the pictures that are on Instagram include: my family, friends, and dog. There are not too many posts on my Instagram, because I only post when something is special to me or interests me. Both my Instagram and Facebook are private so most of what I post cannot be seen by everyone, even though there will always be ways to view my social media profiles. All in all, my online profile is pretty good, and I do not have anything that I am embarrassed or ashamed to share and my presence online tends to be minimal at best.

There are many similarities to my online reputation that connect to my real life and academic identity. One similarity that is shared between the online presence and me in real life is that I tend to not talk as much to different people or in the classroom. In real life I take great pride in my academic work. I turn everything in on time and try to achieve it to the best of my ability. I tend to appreciate quality instead of quantity when it comes to participation in class, and I do not have many close friends that I communicate with on social media. With the privacy settings on private, and to become friends there needs to be a confirmation the is a sense of privacy and keeping information in only the hand of people that you know. When it comes to difference’s there are only a few. Online I can be more confident than I am in real life. I do post pictures and stories that I may not if it was in real life. With the confidence in the post there seems to be not nervousness or shy energy. However, in real life I am shy and will hardly talk to new people. Another difference is the lack of dedication to the different pages on Facebook and Instagram. There is no set pattern in posting, and it can go on months without a post showing up this can be seen a lack in dedication there is not care if the page is forgotten. In the academic world, this is a complete difference, and I am very dedicated to the work that I do and to finishing my degree. Also, I have a very set schedule in my life while at school or working on my breaks. Overall, my life of social media is very similar to who I am in real life and academically.

My online identity is very similar to how I am in real life and how my academic identity is. While thinking about the future and how it can be affected by what we post on our social medias profiles I can say that I am confident that it would not affect my professional life. I do not have anything on Facebook and Instagram that I would not publicly put out to the world. I do not post inappropriate or drama filled posts. Also, with my lack of posting and sharing information, there is not much that could hurt my professional life in the future. It is important to think before you post something on social media because it could come back to hurt you in the future.