Job Shadow Questions

1. What qualities does a person need to possess to be in this type of position?
      Self-motivation, ability to talk and connect to new people, goal-driven, resilient (can overcome challenges), ability to take feedback and rejection.
2. What training or education is required for this type of work?
      You don't have to have a business degree to be a business owner. You need a good idea, know how to find and create resources (funding, people/expertise), and you need to be able to get feedback on your idea to continue to reinvent it. Your first idea most likely won't be the idea you run with for your business.
3. Do you work a lot overtime?
     Yes. It's very common to work a lot of hours as a business owner.
4. How well did your college experience prepare you for this job?
     I learned a lot about the importance of relationships, which, in my opinion, is the #1 skill needed to be successful in business.
5. What inspired you to choose this career?
    I'm happiest when I', choosing projects I'm working on, the people I'm working on them with, and how they get done.
6. What schools did you attend?
     I attended State University of New York at Potsdam for my Bachelor's Degrees and Clarkson University for my MBA.
7. How has your career affected your life?
     I don't think it's possible to separate your career from your life. If you hate your job, you're going to be grumpy.
8. What advice do you have for a person aspiring to enter your career field?
      Try on as many different jobs as possible NOW. Don't wait until you're in college.
9. What is the most rewarding part of your job?
      I have helped hundreds of young people get connected to businesses and people that do work they feel passionately about.
10. What is the most challenging part of your job?
         All of the computer time!