My regular working day/week at the AdMeTech Foundation (AdMeTech) is very busy, and I feel like I am doing something meaningful. As I mentioned in my first blog, one of AdMeTech’s major events is Prostate Cancer Awareness Day, which took place at the Massachusetts State House on June 19. This even required a lot of work: contacting legislators, preparing informational materials, ensuring a social media presence, and making sure AdMeTech’s website is up to date.

On June 18, everyone was very excited for the event because we had prepared for a long time. My colleagues and I were reviewing everything because we did not want anything to go wrong – although my supervisor said something always goes wrong, no matter how well-prepared you think you are. Such is life! One of the big things that had to go right was meetings between AdMeTech (and other) leaders and Massachusetts legislators. The meetings were essential to getting our fiscal year 2015 (July 1, 2014 – June 30, 2015) budget line-item approved: $500,000 aimed at saving lives, improving quality of life, and reducing health care costs. A big part of these meetings is actually getting to the meetings! That involves figuring out the layout of the State House.

I was put in charge of making maps of the State House. The State House’s layout is very confusing if someone is there for the first time (or even the 10th time!); as a result, making a map is important to getting people where they need to be on time. My supervisor asked me to find a general map online and label room numbers with legislators’ names. However, I decided
to use a different approach. I called the State House to ask for a detailed floor plan. Then, I
scanned it into my computer and used online tools to label everything accurately. The result
was great, and my supervisor said that the map was perfect.

The map-making is a perfect example of how I am very busy accomplishing meaningful
tasks. I discovered that I really like the feeling of accomplishment, even if the tasks are time-
sensitive and stressful. My supervisor really admires my work and gives me a lot of feedback
that is both positive and constructive. My previous work experiences seemed pretty mechanical
– anyone could do them. But my work with AdMeTech makes me feel different; I feel that
nobody can do the work as well as I can.