

Success Thoughts

For Students

by
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**What is the
“life-changing”
thought for you today?**

Today's Student Success Thought

The Essence of a New Day

*T*his is the beginning of a new day.
You have been given this day to use as you will.
You can waste it or use it for good.
What you do today is important
because you are exchanging a day of your life for it.
When tomorrow comes, this day will be gone forever;
in its place is something that you have left behind.
Let it be something good.

—*Unknown*

Today's Student Success Thought

Important Personal Goals

are only wishes—if they are not
written down, dated, then persistently pursued
to completion.

Today's Student Success Thought

Play TO WIN your game!

Make wise choices.

Get a good education.

Do those things that will let you continue to win.

Choose the best friends (they become a part of you.)

Choose the Right. Set goals, make plans, prepare well, organize time, stay focused, never give up, and you'll always be a winner.

—BYU Coach LaVell Edwards

Today's Student Success Thought

To do is to dare.

To fear is to fail.

Take control of your life.

Set deadlines.

Life is meant to be lived fully, each day!

—*John Goddard*

Today's Student Success Thought

To be what we are,
and to become what we are capable of becoming
is the only end of life.

—*Robert Louis Stevenson*

Today's Student Success Thought

The brain is like a muscle.
When it is in use we feel very good.
Understanding is joyous.

—*Carl Sagan*

Today's Student Success Thought

Money doesn't always bring happiness.

*P*eople with ten million dollars
are not happier than those with nine million dollars.

—Hobart Brown

Today's Student Success Thought

Do It

Do it Right

Do it right Now

Today's Student Success Thought

The best way to avoid temptation is to remove yourself from the conditions that may overcome your ability to resist.

—*Spencer W. Kimball*

Today's Student Success Thought

Press On:

Nothing in the world can take the place of persistence.

Talent will not; nothing is more common than unsuccessful men with talent.

Genius will not; unrewarded genius is almost a proverb.

Education will not; the world is full of educated derelicts.

Persistence and determination alone are omnipotent.

—Calvin Coolidge

Today's Student Success Thought

Failure is simply the opportunity to begin again,
this time more intelligently.

You can't build a reputation
on what you are going to do.

Nothing is particularly hard
if you divide it into small jobs.

—*Henry Ford*


Today's Student Success Thought

Successful people
are just normal people—
focused.

Today's Student Success Thought

A pat on the back
is worth twenty kicks in the behind.

Today's Student Success Thought

ifficulties are things
that show a person what they are.

—*Epictetus*

Today's Student Success Thought

*M*ost of the happy people I know
do some one thing well.

—*L. Jay Silvester, Olympic Discus Champion*

Today's Student Success Thought

Change your attitude!

Be where you ought to be;

doing what you ought to be doing;

when you ought to be doing it.

The path of least resistance makes both men and rivers crooked.

—*Courtney Leishman*

Today's Student Success Thought

*Y*ou see things; and
you say “Why?”

But I dream things that never were; and
I say, “Why not?”

—*George Bernard Shaw*

Today's Student Success Thought

If a man has a talent and cannot use it, he has failed;
If he has a talent and uses only half of it, he has partly failed;
If he has a talent and learns somehow to use the whole of it,
he has gloriously succeeded,
and won a satisfaction and triumph few men ever know.

—*Thomas Wolfe*

Today's Student Success Thought

*A*ll great men and women became great
because they gave some talent or ability
in the service of others.

—*Dr. Albert Schweitzer*

Today's Student Success Thought

Nothing great
was ever achieved
without enthusiasm.

—*Ralph Waldo Emerson*

Today's Student Success Thought

If it's going to be, it's up to me!

—*Dr. Robert H. Schuller*

Today's Student Success Thought

Do the thing you think you cannot do.

—*Eleanor Roosevelt*

Today's Student Success Thought

You are only as happy as you make up your mind to be.
I will study and prepare and perhaps my chance will come.

Always bear in mind that your own resolution to succeed
is more important than any other one thing.

—Abraham Lincoln

Today's Student Success Thought

Never! Never! Never! Never give up!

—Winston Churchill

Today's Student Success Thought

People will forget what you said.
People will forget what you did.
But, people will never forget
how you made them feel.

—*Maya Angelou*

Today's Student Success Thought

Try not to become a man of success,
but rather try to become a man of value.

Imagination is more important than knowledge.
Knowledge is limited; imagination encircles the world.

The most precious things in life
are not those you get for money.

—*Albert Einstein*

Today's Student Success Thought

A Success Credo

Do all the good you can
By all the means you can,
In all the ways you can,
In all the places you can,
At all the times you can,
To all the people you can,
As long as ever you can.

—John Wesley

Today's Student Success Thought

There are obviously two educations.
One should teach us how to make a living,
and the other how to live.

—*James Truslow Adams*

Today's Student Success Thought

Success is a combination of many things, but a good character is the foundation of the kind of success that will bring you real happiness.
Choose your friends wisely—they will make or break you.

—J. Willard Marriott

Today's Student Success Thought

You cannot teach a man anything;
you can only help him
discover it in himself.

—*Galileo Galilei*

Today's Student Success Thought

As my definition of success, I offer the following:

Success is finding a way to contribute a useful service
or a useful product that makes life better.

Success is to have numerous adventures which enrich
the mind and the spirit.

Success is to have the love and respect of your family
and neighbors.

Success is being able to live comfortably with one's self.

—*Roy W. Oscarson*

Today's Student Success Thought

Teach young people not what to think
but how to think.

—*Dr. Albert Schweitzer*

Today's Student Success Thought

Success sometimes means...

*H*aving the courage to stand up
for what you know is right.

Today's Student Success Thought

Sticking to it is the genius.

Any other bright-minded fellow
can accomplish just as much...
if he will stick like hell
and make the damn thing work.
I never did a day's work in my life—
it was all fun.

—*Thomas A. Edison*

Today's Student Success Thought

**You gotta have a dream.
If you don't have a dream,
how you gonna have a dream come true?**

—“South Pacific,” Rodgers & Hammerstein

Today's Student Success Thought

Success is understanding this:

*N*one of us have money problems,
only idea problems.

Today's Student Success Thought

“Your best is good enough;
good enough is not your best.”

—*Gary E. O'Brien*

Today's Student Success Thought

*Y*our reputation speaks louder
than your financial position.

Today's Student Success Thought

*S*uccess brings further success.

Work to get a number of successes behind you.

Today's Student Success Thought

A person will work harder
to receive a reward
than he will
to avoid punishment.

Today's Student Success Thought

If I had six hours
to chop down a tree
I'd spend the first four hours sharpening the axe.

—Abraham Lincoln

Today's Student Success Thought

Sow a thought,
reap an act;
Sow an act,
reap a habit;
Sow a habit,
reap a character;
Sow a character,
reap an eternal destiny.

—David O. McKay

Today's Student Success Thought

Make no little plans.

There is nothing in the little plans
to stir men's blood.

Make big plans.

Once a big idea is recorded,
it can never die.

—*Daniel Burnham*

Today's Student Success Thought

A brief moment of insight
is better than
a lifetime of drudgery.

—*Oliver Wendell Holmes*

Today's Student Success Thought

Things that will destroy us...

Politics without principle,
pleasure without conscience,

wealth without work,
knowledge without character,

business without morality,
science without humanity,

worship without sacrifice.

You must be the change you wish to see in the world.

—*Mohandas Karamchand Gandhi*

Today's Student Success Thought

I really had a lot of dreams when I was a kid, and I think a great deal of that grew out of the fact that I had a chance to read a lot. I like my job because it involves learning. I like being around smart people who are trying to figure out new things. I like the fact that if people really try they can figure out how to invent things that actually have an impact.

—*Bill Gates*

Today's Student Success Thought

Give a man fish and he'll live a day.
Show him how to fish,
and he'll live a thousand years.

—*Chinese Proverb*

Today's Student Success Thought

On returning from the first international joint space flight, his two rules for success:

Know what you want to do.
Never give up.

—Don “Deke” Slayton

Today's Student Success Thought

Success does not consist
in never making mistakes,
but in never making
the same one a second time.

—*George Bernard Shaw*

Today's Student Success Thought

Don't read good books.
Read the best.
Life's too short.

Today's Student Success Thought

I am reminded of my father's formula for success:

He told me as a young man
that success is a clear conscience.

—Dr. Jerold D. Ottley

Today's Student Success Thought

**There are three important things
every successful person should do:**

- Follow up
- Follow up
- Follow up

Today's Student Success Thought

Good name in man and woman, dear my lord
is the immediate jewel of their souls;
Who steals my purse steals trash; 'tis something, nothing,
Twas mine, 'tis his, and has been slave to thousands;
But he that filches from me my good name robs me of that
which not enriches him, and makes me poor indeed.

—*William Shakespeare*

Today's Student Success Thought

A gem cannot be polished
without friction,
nor a man perfected
without trials.

—*Lucius Annaeus Seneca*

Today's Student Success Thought

**When on the brink of complete discouragement,
success is discerning that...**

The line between failure and success
is so fine that often a single extra effort
is all that is needed
to bring victory out of defeat.

—Elbert Hubbard

Today's Student Success Thought

The highest possible stage in moral culture
is when we recognize that
we ought to control our thoughts.

—*Charles Darwin*

Today's Student Success Thought

Success is...

not being better than our neighbor
but being better than ourselves.

Today's Student Success Thought

*H*aving a big heart has nothing to do
with how big your bank account is.
Everyone has something to give.

—*Barbara Bush*

Today's Student Success Thought

**And so, my fellow Americans,
ask not what your country can do for you;
ask what you can do for your country.**

One person can make a difference and every person must try.

—John F. Kennedy

Today's Student Success Thought

The secret of success
is doing well
the job close at hand.

—*David O. McKay*

Today's Student Success Thought

Do you let things get in your way?
Or do you make a way?

Today's Student Success Thought

*W*hen faced with a mountain,
turn it into a gold mine.

—*Dr. Robert H. Schuller*

Today's Student Success Thought

Successful steps to a problem's solution

1. State the problem on paper
2. Gather and list all available information:
Obstacles, Sources, People, Alternatives
3. Sort, arrange, and categorize
4. Interpret and visualize alternative results
5. Select and pursue the best course of action until proven

Today's Student Success Thought

We act as though comfort and luxury
were the chief requirements of life;
when all that we need
to make us really happy
is something to be enthusiastic about.

—*Charles Kingsley*

Today's Student Success Thought

I don't know what your destiny will be, but one thing I know: the only ones among you who will be really happy are those who have sought and found how to serve.

—*Dr. Albert Schweitzer*

Today's Student Success Thought

I will do that which is
most productively possible
at every given moment.

Today's Student Success Thought

*I*n my opinion, he only may be truly said to live
and enjoy his being
who is engaged in some laudable pursuit,
and acquires a name by some illustrious action, or useful art.

—*Sallust (Gaius Sallustius Crispus)*

Today's Student Success Thought

When a nation goes down,
or a society perishes,
one condition may always be found—
they forgot where they came from.

—*Carl Sandberg*

Today's Student Success Thought

*I*f you want to feel worthwhile,
do something worthwhile.

—*Carl Sagan*

Today's Student Success Thought

Use These Most Important Words

The five most important words are:

I am proud of you.

The four most important words are:

What is your opinion?

The three most important words are:

If you please.

The two most important words are:

Thank you.

The one least important word is:

I.

Today's Student Success Thought

A successful guide for life . . .

- Make a checklist of what must be done.
- Identify your problems.
- Take thirty minutes a month to list the demands on your life.

Today's Student Success Thought

Far better it is to dare mighty things, to win glorious triumphs, even though checkered by failure, than to take rank with those poor spirits who neither enjoy much nor suffer much, because they live in the gray twilight that knows not victory nor defeat.

—*Theodore Roosevelt*

Today's Student Success Thought

*I*t is neither right nor safe
to go against my conscience.

—*Martin Luther*

Today's Student Success Thought

Do as much as possible,
and talk of yourself as little as possible.

—*Sallust (Gaius Sallustius Crispus)*

Today's Student Success Thought

**You have no idea
of the things you can do
. . . until you try.**

Today's Student Success Thought

*N*ever tell people *how* to do things.

Tell them *what* to do
and they will surprise you with their ingenuity.

—*General George S. Patton, Jr.*

Today's Student Success Thought

The two secret keys to success:

PREPARATION
and
WORK

Today's Student Success Thought

The future belongs to those
who believe in the beauty of their dreams.

—*Eleanor Roosevelt*

Today's Student Success Thought

Emerson's pattern for success:

Learn directly from life.

Know the past through books.

Express yourself through action.

Today's Student Success Thought

*F*ind a meaningful need
and fill it better
than anyone else.

Today's Student Success Thought

Successful is the person who has lived well, laughed often, and loved much, who has gained the respect of children, who leaves the world better than they found it, who has never lacked appreciation for the earth's beauty, who never fails to look for the best in others, or give the best of themselves.

—*Ralph Waldo Emerson*

Today's Student Success Thought

Success is when you suddenly realize...

“I CAN DO IT!”

Today's Student Success Thought

The Success Secrets of Walt Disney

- **Think tomorrow.** He always looked forward to what he wanted to accomplish next. What matters is what we can accomplish tomorrow, not what we've done today. Build a yesterday. Focus your efforts on tomorrow. That's how to make your dream come true.
- **Free your imagination.** Disney was a visionary. Most of us can do better than we think. We limit ourselves. Disney shattered these mental restrictions. If you free your mind and let your imagination run wild, there's no limit to what you can do, where you can go, or what you can accomplish.
- **Strive for lasting quality.** The real secret of his success was his fanatical commitment to excellence. He continually reached for that intangible quality called perfection. There are no new ideas. You just take a good one and improve on it. There are no shortcuts to quality. But whatever it takes to achieve lasting quality must be done because good enough never is.
- **Have stick-to-it-ivity.** (Disneyese for fortitude, tenacity and hanging in there until the job is done.) Dreams don't just happen because you want them to. Stick to it until you turn your dreams into reality.
- **Talent isn't enough.** Success comes only when talent is combined with tenacity.

Source: —Pat Williams, Bottom Line, BottomLineSecrets.com

Today's Student Success Thought

It isn't a question of how much a man knows,
but what use he makes of what he knows.
Not a question of what he has acquired
and how he has been trained,
but of what he is and what he can do.

—*J.G. Holland*

Today's Student Success Thought

The truth about success is long overdue. There is nothing mysterious about it. Success can be predicted and measured with mathematical precision and will come to us in the exact degree of effectiveness with which we live each day. Success is simply a matter of luck. Ask any failure. We become what we think about all day long. Think about becoming successful. Believe and succeed. Picture what you will be like when you achieve your goal. Can you visualize a boat leaving a harbor without a destination? Or a farmer deciding what to grow on his land? What we plant we reap. What we sow, we reap. Plant your goal in your mind and cultivate it. Success is the progressive realization of a worthy ideal. Make your life an exciting adventure. Do more than what you have to do. Save ten percent of what you earn. Know where you are going, not how. Seek and ye shall find. Have faith. Don't worry. Act as though it was impossible to fail. Keep a card of your goals and review it daily.

—*Earl Nightingale*

Today's Student Success Thought

A man's true wealth
is measured by the extension
of his influence for good.

Today's Student Success Thought

I have never yet met a man that I didn't like.

—*Will Rogers*

Today's Student Success Thought

Don't spend all your life
wading in shallow water.

Today's Student Success Thought

Consistent application of principles can bring achievement according to Ben Franklin:

- All human achievement rests on the establishment of clearly defined objectives.
- The achievement of one's objectives requires a good plan and consistent effort.
- Religion is a powerful regulator of human conduct.
- Correct action is dependent upon correct opinion.
- Motives of personal gain tend to be opposite of one's true self-interest.
- Without honesty, there can be no happiness.
- The proper acquisition and use of money may be a blessing, but the opposite is always a curse.
- The possession of health makes all things easier, its absence everything more difficult.
- Happiness springs immediately from the mind.
- Life is immeasurably more satisfying to those who get along well with others than to those who do not.
- Of all human relationships, the most enduring and satisfying are those of family.
- In the process of aging and dying the fruits of a long life well lived are most sensibly felt.
- Only a virtuous people are capable of freedom.
- As nations become corrupt and vicious, they have more need of masters.

Today's Student Success Thought

There are people who have money,
and those who are rich.

—*Coco Chanel*

Today's Student Success Thought

Get a vision of what you want
and then be willing to pay the price.

It is difficult to be on the Olympic team
without paying the price.

—*L. Jay Silvester, Olympic Discus Champion*

Today's Student Success Thought

We cannot achieve
nor be anything
of any importance
without first visualizing
and feeling that action
in our own minds.

Today's Student Success Thought

Our happiness and success in life are predicated on our mental attitude and the way we use our time.

Today's Student Success Thought

Let me tell you the secret that has led me to my goal:
my strength lies solely in my tenacity.

Chance favors the prepared mind.

Do not let yourself be tainted with a barren skepticism.

—Louis Pasteur

Today's Student Success Thought

One year in high school our football coach enrolled all the team members in a motivational “positive-thinking” seminar for a weekend. Eight years later the concept of perceiving my discouragements and frustrations as **temporary setbacks** has proven to be the most beneficial idea presented during those two days. It seems failures of any degree have a way of creeping into our minds and causing us to doubt ourselves. In most instances we are our own worst critics. This doubting reduces our optimism about our abilities to succeed in the future and, therefore, reduces the probability to do so. By maintaining the conviction that setbacks will be temporary, regardless of their severity, our ability to cope and work through disappointing situations will improve. And, also, we increase the likelihood of reaching the goals we have set for ourselves.

—*Marc Wilson*

Today's Student Success Thought

Every day is a purposeful activity
requiring an expenditure of energy
with some sacrifice of leisure.

—*Spencer W. Kimball*

Today's Student Success Thought

Seeds of greatness are in every man.
To find those seeds,
plant, cultivate, nurture and harvest them,
is the lifelong challenge.

Today's Student Success Thought

A man who dares
to waste one hour of time
has not discovered the value of life.

—*Charles Darwin*

Today's Student Success Thought

Two roads diverged in a wood, and I—
I took the one less traveled by,
And that has made all the difference.

—*Robert Frost*

Today's Student Success Thought

Remember Successfully . . .

- To remember anything it must be associated with something you already know.
- You must see it in your mind.
- Create action and detail to improve the image.
- It should be like, near or opposite that which is to be remembered.

Today's Student Success Thought

A good reputation is more valuable than money.

—*Syrus Publilius*

Today's Student Success Thought

He who fails to plan
already plans to fail.

Today's Student Success Thought

*G*reat thoughts
come from the heart.

—*Marquis de Vauvenargues*

Today's Student Success Thought

Success is . . .

not only using your own brains,
but using all those you can borrow too.

Today's Student Success Thought

Enjoy an abundance of
acquaintances and associations,
but **choose carefully** those
whom you select as friends.

Because in so doing,
you choose the quality
and kind of person you are or will become.

Today's Student Success Thought

This thing we call *failure*
is not falling down,
but the staying down.

—*Mary Pickford*

Today's Student Success Thought

Every single person you meet has a sign
around his or her neck that says,

“Make me feel important.”

If you can do that, you'll be a success.
not only in business but in life as well.

—*Mary Kay Ash*

Today's Student Success Thought

Even if you are on the right track,
you'll get run over if you just sit there.

—*Will Rogers*

Today's Student Success Thought

Consider your criticisms
as suggestions for improvement.

Today's Student Success Thought

A great thought might stir the world.
But all the great thoughts in the world
will not equal one simple action;
and only sustained action
can ultimately change the world.

Today's Student Success Thought

Obtain and
constantly use
as many proven success methods
as possible.

Today's Student Success Thought

The beginning is
the most important part of the work.

—*Pliny the Elder*

Today's Student Success Thought

The measure of pleasure is not leisure.

The measure of pleasure is accomplishment.

—*Bruce B. Clark*

Today's Student Success Thought

There is no greater waste
than to set to work
without a plan.

Today's Student Success Thought

Five Ways To Successfully Increase Your Income

1. Seek education and self-improvement.
2. Seek better employment.
3. Set higher goals and work systematically to achieve them.
4. Improve work habits.
5. Invest wisely.

Today's Student Success Thought

If you help a person,
you strengthen him;
If you do it for him,
you weaken him.

Today's Student Success Thought

A rule of success for any leader is . . .

Make
Exciting!
Things Happen

Today's Student Success Thought

Success is such a personal thing. A person of success needs to have an attitude of gratitude and to have a positive mental approach to all things. The person must be able to look into a mirror and see a person that they like and have confidence that they are doing the right things for the right reasons. To be able to achieve success a person must have courage, determination, discipline, and consistency and be willing to take a risk for the sake of improving themselves and the world around them. The happiest most successful people I know are those that have found a career in doing something they love to do and be excited about getting out of bed every morning and figuring how to do it better. Shakespeare once said that, "I don't want to reach the end of life and look back and find that I never really lived."

—*Steve T. Densley*

Today's Student Success Thought

These five principles of economic constancy, when followed, will bring financial security and peace of mind under any economic circumstance.

Constancy #1 - Pay an honest tithe.

Constancy #2 - Live on less than you earn.

Constancy #3 - Learn to distinguish between needs and wants.

Constancy #4 - Develop and live within a budget.

Constancy #5 - Be honest in all your financial affairs.

—*N. Eldon Tanner*

Today's Student Success Thought

An hour of conversation
with a wise man
is worth a year of study.

Today's Student Success Thought

Code for Success

1. Find your own particular talent.
2. Be big.
3. Be honest.
4. Live with enthusiasm.
5. Don't let your possessions possess you.
6. Don't worry about your problems.
7. Look up to people when you can—down to no one.
8. Don't cling to the past.
9. Assume your full share of responsibility in the world.
10. Pray consistently and constantly.

—*Conrad Hilton*

Today's Student Success Thought

The principle is
competing against yourself.

It's about self-improvement,
about being better than you were the day before.

—*Steve Young*

Today's Student Success Thought

Twelve Qualities of Success

- The value of time.
- The success of perseverance.
- The pleasure of working.
- The dignity of simplicity.
- The worth of character.
- The power of kindness.
- The influence of example.
- The obligation of duty.
- The wisdom of economy.
- The virtue of patience.
- The improvement of talent.
- The joy of originating.

—*Marshall Field*

Today's Student Success Thought

I am the master of my fate:

I am the captain of my soul.

—*William Ernest Henley*

Today's Student Success Thought

Simplify.

Simplify.

Simplify.

—Ralph Waldo Emerson

Today's Student Success Thought

**We can do anything we want to do
if we stick to it long enough.**

Do the best you can.
Face your deficiencies and acknowledge them, but
do not let them master you.
Let them teach you patience, sweetness, insight.
When we do the best we can,
we never know what miracle is wrought in our life
or in the life of another.

—*Helen Keller*

Today's Student Success Thought

It was the best of times, it was the worst of times.

I never could have done what I have done without the habits of punctuality, order, and diligence, without the determination to concentrate myself on one subject at a time. Whatever I have tried to do in life, I have tried with all my heart to do it well: whatever I have devoted myself to, I have devoted myself completely; in great aims and in small I have always thoroughly been in earnest.

—*Charles Dickens*

Today's Student Success Thought

The man without a purpose
is like a ship without a rudder,
a waif, a nothing, a no man.

Have a purpose in life, and having it,
throw such strength of mind and muscle
into your work as God has given you.

—*Thomas Carlyle*

Today's Student Success Thought

When good men die
their goodness does not perish,
but lives though they are gone.

As for the bad,
all that was theirs dies
and is buried with them.

—*Euripides*

Today's Student Success Thought

Expect of yourself
that you will dream high,
and then, extend your reach
still higher than you
ever before thought possible.

Today's Student Success Thought

Success is...

working as though
it were
impossible
to fail.

Today's Student Success Thought

*R*eason deceives us often;
conscience never.

—*Jean Jacques Rousseau*

Today's Student Success Thought

Perhaps the most valuable result of all education is the ability to make yourself do the thing you have to do, when it ought to be done, whether you like it or not; it is the first lesson that ought to be learned; and however early a man's training begins, it is probably the last lesson that he learns thoroughly.

—*Thomas Huxley*

Today's Student Success Thought

The reason for his success in football:

I played every play
like it was going to be
the last one I would ever play.

—Merlin Olsen

Today's Student Success Thought

Add a little success to your life by . . .

Doing something for yourself, and
doing something for
someone else
without his knowing who did it.

Today's Student Success Thought

Life is a series of experiences, each one of which makes us bigger, even though sometimes it is hard to realize this. For the world was built to develop character, and we must learn that the setbacks and grieves which we endure help us in our marching onward.

—*Henry Ford*

Today's Student Success Thought

Every memorable act in the history of the world is a triumph of enthusiasm. Nothing great was ever achieved without it because it gives any challenge or any occupation no matter how frightening or difficult, a new meaning. Without enthusiasm you are doomed to a life of mediocrity, but with it you can accomplish miracles.

—*Og Mandino*

Today's Student Success Thought

*W*hen you think we are important,
consider this—
our earth is less than a grain of sand
in a vast Sahara cosmos.

Today's Student Success Thought

A room without books
is like a body
without a soul.

—*Cicero*

Today's Student Success Thought

*I*t's a true saying that
“One falsehood leads easily to another.”

—*Cicero*

Today's Student Success Thought

If you give people tools, [and they use] their natural ability and their curiosity, they will develop things in ways that will surprise you very much beyond what you might have expected. I think it's fair to say that personal computers have become the most empowering tool we've ever created. They're tools of communication, they're tools of creativity, and they can be shaped by their user. I'm excited by the possibilities I see for medicine, for education and of course for technology, ...And I believe that through our natural inventiveness, creativity and willingness to solve tough problems, we're going to make some amazing achievements in all these areas in my lifetime.

—*Bill Gates*

Today's Student Success Thought

Do things which are difficult to do and they will become easy, not because the nature of the problem has decreased, but because your ability to do has increased.

—*Ralph Waldo Emerson*

Today's Student Success Thought

**The heights by great men reached and kept
were not attained by sudden flight,
but they while their companions slept,
were toiling upward in the night.**

A defeat may be a victory in disguise.

—Henry Wadsworth Longfellow

Today's Student Success Thought

Look deep, deep into nature, and then you will understand everything better. The search for truth and knowledge is one of the finest attributes of man though often it is most loudly voiced by those who strive for it the least. The true value of a human being is determined primarily by how he has attained liberation from the self.

—*Albert Einstein*

Today's Student Success Thought

Success is still . . .

the constant application of the Golden Rule.

Today's Student Success Thought

I can accept failure.

Everyone fails.

But I cannot accept someone who doesn't try.

I don't do things half-heartedly because I know if I do
then I can expect half-hearted results.

I've failed over and over and over again in my life and that is why I succeed.

I've never been afraid to fail.

—*Michael Jordan*

Today's Student Success Thought

We don't like to do anything
unless we give it our best.

—*The Osmond Family*

Today's Student Success Thought

Napoleon once described happiness:

“It is the highest
possible development
of myself.”

Today's Student Success Thought

A man is not educated (or successful) in life until he is able to do at least one useful thing well. A man is not successful in life until he is absolutely free of prejudice and does not lean on carnal things for accomplishment and has universal sympathy for mankind.

—*Elbert Hubbard*

Today's Student Success Thought

**Men do not fail,
but often, rather
they simply quit trying.**

Today's Student Success Thought

It is not enough to have a good mind.
The main thing is to use it well.

I think, therefore I am.

—*Rene Descartes*

Today's Student Success Thought

*T*ime is the most valuable thing a man can spend.

—Theophrastus

Today's Student Success Thought

Nobody's a zero,
unless
you make him such.

Today's Student Success Thought

The true test of civilization is not the census,
nor the size of cities, nor the crops—no,
but the kind of man the country turns out.

—*Ralph Waldo Emerson*

Today's Student Success Thought

Seven Habits of Highly Effective People

- **Be Pro-active:** Take initiative and be responsible.
- **Begin With The End In Mind:** Start any endeavor, a meeting, a day at the office, your adult life with a mental image of an outcome conforming to values you cherish.
- **Put First Things First:** Discipline yourself to subordinate feelings, impulses and moods to your values.
- **Think win/win:** Win-win means agreements or solutions that are mutually beneficial and satisfying.
- **Seek To Understand Then To Be Understood:** Listen with intent to empathize, not with intent to reply.
- **Synergize:** Create wholes that are greater than the sum of their parts.
- **Sharpen The Saw:** Take time to cultivate the four essential dimensions of our character: physical, mental, social/emotional, and spiritual.

—*Dr. Stephen R. Covey*

Today's Student Success Thought

*N*ever doubt that a small group
of thoughtful, committed citizens can change the world.
Indeed, it's the only thing that ever has.

—*Margaret Mead*

Today's Student Success Thought

We make a living by what we get.

We make a life by what we give.

—*Winston Churchill*

Today's Student Success Thought

If you are not sure of
where you are going,
you may end up
somewhere else.

Today's Student Success Thought

There's only one thing to do:

The Right Thing.

Today's Student Success Thought

The play goes on and you may contribute your verse.

What will your verse be?

We must look at things in a different way.

Dare to strike out.

Carpe diem.

—*“The Dead Poet’s Society” Robin Williams*

Today's Student Success Thought

The only possession we have is self-possession. Unhappy is the man who only reacts to others. He is the servant of their whims toward him. You will never have a greater or lesser dominion than over yourself. The height of a man's success is gauged by his self-mastery. The depth of his failure by his self-abandonment...and this law is the expression eternal justice. He who cannot establish dominion over himself will have no dominion over others.

—*Leonardo Da Vinci*

Today's Student Success Thought

You cannot help small men by tearing down big men.

You cannot bring about prosperity by discouraging thrift.

You cannot strengthen the weak by weakening the strong.

You cannot lift the wage earner by pulling down the wage payer.

You cannot help the poor man by destroying the rich.

You cannot keep out of trouble by spending more than your income.

You cannot further the brotherhood of man by the inciting class hatred.

You cannot establish security on borrowed money.

You cannot build character and courage by taking away men's initiative and independence.

You cannot help men permanently by doing for them what they could and should do for themselves.

—Attributed to Abraham Lincoln

Today's Student Success Thought

*I*n the long history of humankind
(and animal kind, too)
those who learned to collaborate
and improvise most effectively
have prevailed.

—*Charles Darwin*

Today's Student Success Thought

Life is tough!
It's even tougher when
you're stupid.

—*John Wayne*

Today's Student Success Thought

I leave this rule for others when I'm dead,
be always sure you're right—
then go ahead.

—*David (Davy) Crockett*

Today's Student Success Thought

Success is . . .

Attention To Detail

Today's Student Success Thought

The force is in you.

Force yourself.

—*Harrison Ford*

Today's Student Success Thought

The greater danger for most of us
lies not in setting our aim
too high
and falling short;
but in setting our aim
too low,
and achieving our mark.

—*Michelangelo*

Today's Student Success Thought

A Successful life?

How much worthwhile learning have I acquired?

How much good have I effected?

Today's Student Success Thought

To understand yourself is the key to wisdom.

I hear and I forget.

I see and I remember.

I do and I understand.

—*Confucius*

Today's Student Success Thought

When you fall,
Leap to your feet
and try again.

Today's Student Success Thought

What It Takes To Succeed

The quality of a person's life
is in direct proportion
to their commitment to excellence,
regardless of their chosen field of endeavor.

—*Vince Lombardi*

Today's Student Success Thought

*K*nowledge is power.

—*Francis Bacon*

Today's Student Success Thought

There are no secrets to success. It is the result of preparation, hard work and learning from failure. If you are going to achieve excellence in big things, you develop the habit in little matters. Excellence is not an exception, it is a prevailing attitude.

—*Colin Luther Powell*

Today's Student Success Thought

There is no guarantee of success in anything you want to accomplish.

In fact, if you seek the guarantee of success, you will never succeed.

If you're not willing to take risks or to fail, you cannot succeed.

That is ironclad.

The true winners are distinguished by the fact that they sometimes lose,

but more importantly that they can rise up from defeat.

You cannot succeed if you are not prepared to fail.

—*Benjamin Netanyahu*

Today's Student Success Thought

*O*ne man with courage
makes a majority.

—*Andrew Jackson*

Today's Student Success Thought

Teaching people to use their imagination helps us find solutions to soothe the stresses of everyday life—or get a little lift to help us keep going. In short: all things are possible when you share the philosophy that “Believing is Seeing.”

—*James C. Christensen*

Today's Student Success Thought

What a man
can imagine
or conceive in his mind,
he can accomplish.

—*John Keats*

Today's Student Success Thought

It's not what happens to you,
but how you react to it that matters.

—*Epictetus*

Today's Student Success Thought

We are
what we repeatedly do.
Excellence, then,
is not an act,
but a habit.

—*Aristotle*

Today's Student Success Thought

*I*f you wish to be a champion
or whate'er you'd choose to be,
just act as though you are one;
and soon that dream you'll see.

Today's Student Success Thought

The difference
between the impossible
and the possible
is a person's determination.

—*Tommy Lasorda*

Today's Student Success Thought

Every day in every way
I'm getting better and better;
it is my absolute purpose
to steadfastly move on—
to develop the hidden talents
and greatness within me.

Today's Student Success Thought

*A*n unwritten goal
will only remain a hope.

Today's Student Success Thought

The man who does not read good books, has not advantage over the man who can't read them. If first you don't succeed, fail, fail again. Age is an issue of mind over matter; if you don't mind, it doesn't matter. Against the assault of laughter nothing can stand. Do the right thing. It will gratify some people and astonish the rest.

—*Mark Twain*

Today's Student Success Thought

Pessimism is the cleverness of the weak.

To every man there comes in his lifetime that special moment when he is figuratively tapped on the shoulder and offered the chance to do a special thing, unique to him and fitted to his talent; what a tragedy if that moment finds him unprepared or unqualified for the work which would be his finest hour.

—*Winston Churchill*

Today's Student Success Thought

*I*f you listen to your fears,
you will die never knowing
what a great person you might have been.

—*Dr. Robert H. Schuller*

Today's Student Success Thought

*M*ake the most of yourself,
for that is all there is to you.

—*Ralph Waldo Emerson*

Today's Student Success Thought

Are you bored with life?

Then throw yourself into some work you believe in with all your heart, live for it, die for it, and you will find happiness that you had thought could never be yours. Feeling sorry for yourself, and your present condition, is not only a waste of energy but the *worst habit you could possibly have*.

—Dale Breckenridge Carnegie

Today's Student Success Thought

Living a good life
is like shaving.

We have to do it every day.

Today's Student Success Thought

*W*hat great thing would you attempt
if you knew you could not fail?

—*Dr. Robert H. Schuller*

Today's Student Success Thought

Nobel Prize winning author Pearl S. Buck said that she learned more between the ages of seventy and eighty than any other time in her life.

Today's Student Success Thought

The power is within me
to change for good
that part of the world
over which
I have some influence.

Today's Student Success Thought

An idea that is developed and put into action
is more important than an idea
that exists only as an idea.

Your work is to discover your work
and then with all your heart to give yourself to it.

Even death is not to be feared by one
who has lived wisely.

—*Gautama Buddha*

Today's Student Success Thought

He who rests,
ROTS.

—*Arthur Fiedler*

Today's Student Success Thought

Success:

We try and try and try and try and try
and then we get it right.

All our dreams can come true
if we have the courage to pursue them.

But whatever it takes to achieve lasting quality
must be done because good enough never is.

Think. Believe. Dream. Dare.

—*Walt Disney*

Today's Student Success Thought

Follow your passion.

—*Victor Borge*

Today's Student Success Thought

For life is the mirror of king and slave,
‘Tis just what we are and do;
Then give to the world the best you have,
And the best will come back to you

—*Madeline Bridges*

Today's Student Success Thought

By far
the most important successes of life
are not measured in dollars,
but in deeds.

Today's Student Success Thought

Success is never final;
failure is never fatal.
It's courage that counts!

—*Coach John Wooden*

Today's Student Success Thought

Underachievers believe:

- **Life shouldn't be hard.**
- **Other people are supposed to make me happy.**
- **I'm entitled to success and all of its perks**
- **Hard work and learning create misery.**
- **I can't learn and solve problems on my own.**
- **What happens to me is completely beyond my control.**

“Not fair! This is too hard!”

Today's Student Success Thought

Achievers Believe:

- It's okay if things get difficult.
- I'm responsible for my own happiness.
- Hard work is the key to success.
- Hard work and learning lead to pride.
- I've got what it takes to learn and solve most of the problems I face.
- I have control over my own life

What a challenge! If I work hard, I can do it!

Today's Student Success Thought

*F*irst say to yourself what you would be;
And then do what you have to do.

— *Epictetus*

Today's Student Success Thought

Success In Two Words:

Mental
Toughness

—James (Jim) A. Spencer, Provo High School Basketball Coach

Today's Student Success Thought

**Don't just do your best—
get the job done!**

—*Stan Watts*

Today's Student Success Thought

Encouraged people achieve the best;
dominated people second-best;
neglected people achieve the least.

Today's Student Success Thought

Correct principles are as true and immovable as the North Star, a star that through the ages has unerringly guided men to reach their destinations.

Today's Student Success Thought

If we hope to live,
not just moment to moment,
but in true consciousness of our existence,
then our greatest need
and most difficult achievement
is to find meaning in our lives.

—*Bruno Bettelheim*

Today's Student Success Thought

Grasp the subject.
The words will follow.

—*Marcus Porcius Cato*

Today's Student Success Thought

A man, as a general rule,
owes very little to what he is born with—
a man is what he makes of himself.
Before anything else, preparation is the key to success.

—Alexander Graham Bell

Today's Student Success Thought

Tell me thy company
and I'll tell thee what thou art.

—*Miguel de Cervantes*

Today's Student Success Thought

*F*reedom is nothing else but a chance to be better.

—*Albert Camus*

Today's Student Success Thought

If it is not right, don't do it.

If it is not true, don't say it.

—*Marcus Aurelius*

Today's Student Success Thought

What we obtain too cheap, we esteem too lightly.

—Thomas Paine, 1776

Today's Student Success Thought

Lazy people are always
looking for something to do.

—*Marquis de Vauvenargues*