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TERMS

- **Ethics**: The decisions, choices, and actions (behaviors) we make that reflect and enact our values
- **Dedication**: Selfless devotion of energy or time
- **Diversity**: A point of respect in which things differ; variety
- **Integrity**: Strict adherence to moral values and principles
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TERMS (CONTINUED)

› **Perseverance**: Steady persistence in adhering to a course of action, a belief, or a purpose

› **Self-discipline**: Making yourself do things when you should, even if you do not want to do them

› **Success**: Favorable or desired outcome
"One person’s success is another person’s failure."

-Author unknown

What do you think the author meant when he said this? (Allow time for a short discussion of the quote.) Because what one person may value as a success may vary from another person’s idea of success, so might the pathway the person took to get to that success.
There are two types of success we will discuss today: personal and professional.
Personal success is unique to the individual. What is your definition of personal success? What are some other personal successes that could be added to this list? (Have students write down the examples on their notes.)
Professional success is related to one’s career. What is your professional success? What are some other examples of professional successes that could be added to this list? (Have students write down the examples on their notes.)
With the quote in mind, look back at the characteristics that lead to personal and professional success. What characteristics should be added to the list? (Allow time for students to record answers on their notes. Ask for volunteers to share their answers.)
Having personal ethics is an important virtue necessary for success. Ethics are moral principals that govern a person’s or group’s behavior. Morals are a person’s standards of behavior or beliefs concerning what is and is not acceptable for them to do.
On your own paper, create a list of 10 guidelines that you choose to live by. This is known as your personal code of ethics. Use the questions on this PowerPoint screen as a guide for developing your personal code of ethics.
Violation of ethics is personal and professional dishonesty. If you give in or bend slightly on your code of ethics, you are being deceitful to yourself.
In the past year, have you done any of the following?
- told a lie
- downloaded a song without paying for it
- cheated on a test
- copied information from the Internet for homework and turned it in without notation
- posted untrue information on weblogs like Facebook, Twitter, Instagram
- cheated while playing a game or sport

Think to yourself, as I read out loud the questions on the presentation. You do not have to answer the questions out loud, however, think about what your answer would be. No one will know your answer, so really think about your answer.
Integrity is the quality of being honest and having strong moral principles. Another definition for integrity is, “doing what’s right when no one else is looking.” With this definition, it is easy to see how integrity and ethics go hand in hand. Your personal moral compass guides your integrity and ethical principles.
Thought questions:

- Why is Abraham Lincoln known to be honest?
- Why is George Washington known to be honest?

Allow the students to discuss the questions in the presentation.
Dedication is important for personal and professional success because it shows the level of commitment a person is willing to give.
Obstacles happen to everyone. Remember to continue on with your goal in mind. Perseverance and persistence will help you achieve personal and professional success.
In an ever changing world, it is important to be able to interact with a diverse population. Diversity is a combination of people from different races or cultures in the same group.
Again, keep your eye on the prize. Always work with the goal in mind and you will be successful.
Self-discipline is important, especially with so many pressures from life, in achieving goals. Self-discipline is the ability to control one’s feelings and overcome one’s weaknesses.
Hand out a role-play situation to each volunteer. Have each student read their situation to the class and defend why they have achieved success using the characteristics discussed in class.
You create your own personal and professional success in life. Keep true to your personal code of ethics and you will achieve your dreams.
Any questions?
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