

Preparing Your Students for Real World Success

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Has It *Really* Come to This?

- The recruiter
- The final interviews
- The professor
- Management training



Let's Look at Some of the Issues

Fact #1: Among the top eighteen industrialized nations in the world, the United States ranks **ninth** in the world in enrollment but **dead last** in completion rates.

Fact #2: According to colleges and employers, young adults are less successful at college and the workplace not for lack of academic knowledge, but for **lack of “soft skills”** like endurance, self-reliance, communication, resourcefulness, and problem-solving.

What Employers Are *Seeking*

Reliability

Integrity

Respect

High standards

Courtesy

Team Player

Positivity

Resilience

Good manners

Sense of humor

Skilled communicator

Enthusiasm

Self control

Motivation/work ethic

Which Leads to This



What Employers Say They're *Getting*

- Entitlement mentality
- Unreliability
- Lack of social skills and manners
- Disrespect
- Fear of failure; difficulty handling feedback
- Distraction

Which Breeds This



Toward Solutions



Addressing the Three Common Trouble Spots

- **Intrinsic:** character, values, standards of excellence, self control, and emotional IQ
- **Interpersonal:** social and professional, relationships/communication, teamwork, networking, and etiquette
- **Decisional:** goal setting, decision making, and time management

Developing a Strategy

- ***Vision*** for comprehensive life preparation ***defined***
- ***Outcomes*** for leadership development and key upcoming life decisions ***measured***
- ***Training*** to guide students toward those outcomes
- ***Application*** of honorable leadership in school and personal life
- ***Integration*** throughout your program

Comprehensive Success Vision

Personal Leadership Arenas

Life Perspective/Strategy

Character

Relationships/Communication

Productivity/Discipline

Handling Adversity

Decisional Arenas

Academic Disciplines

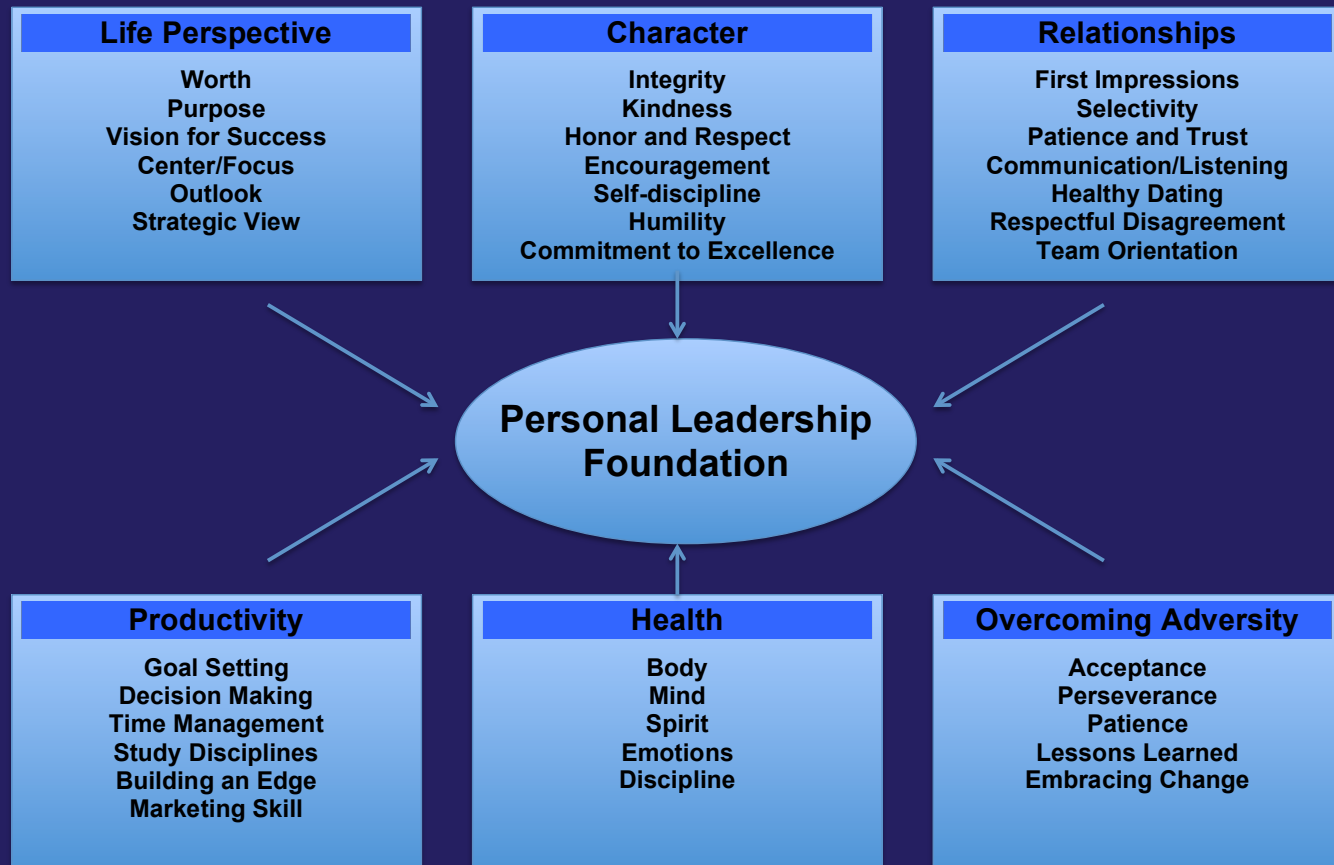
Career Management

Personal Finance

Marriage & Family

Spirituality

Holistic Leadership Development



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Life Success Pointers

■ Life Perspective:

- *Discover your purpose and inspiration*
- *Don't define success by riches*
- *Live life without regrets*
- *Diversify your life*

Life Success Pointers

■ Character:

- *Preserve your reputation and integrity*
- *Give everything your best*
- *Embrace constructive feedback*
- *Be an encourager and always look for the best in people*

Life Success Pointers

- **Relationships and Communication:**
 - *First impressions are huge; be inquisitive when meeting others*
 - *Connect with people who share your values and interests*
 - *Steer clear of destructive people*
 - *How you say it can matter more than what you say*

Life Success Pointers

- **Personal Productivity:**
 - *Set and periodically assess your goals*
 - *Become a masterful decision maker*
 - *Time is precious—use it wisely*
 - *Adversity can be preparation for greater things and often makes sense later*

Life Success Pointers

■ Finances:

- *Be a wise steward, disciplined saver, prudent consumer, cautious debtor, and cheerful giver*
- *Live within your means and generate positive cash flow*
- *Invest early, regularly, and as much as possible in a globally diversified program*

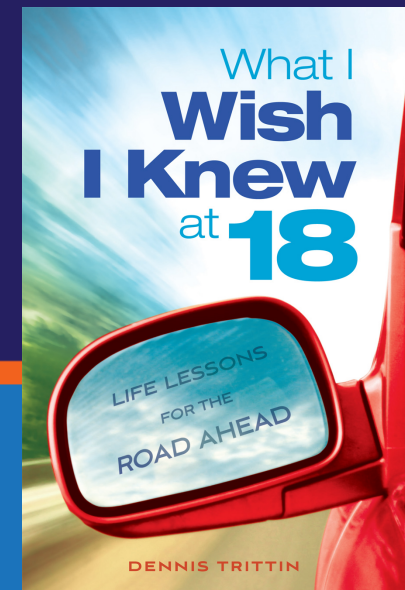
Life Success Pointers

■ Career:

- *Comprehensively assess yourself and potential career matches*
- *Build a winning competitive edge*
- *Learn to persuasively market yourself*
- *Demonstrate the qualities employers value*

A Closer Look at the Book

- Comprehensive vision for a successful launch into adulthood
- Personal leadership and life skills
- Wisdom for key decisions based on the ways of honorable leaders
- Conversationally and universally written for young and old alike



College and Career Readiness

Financial Literacy

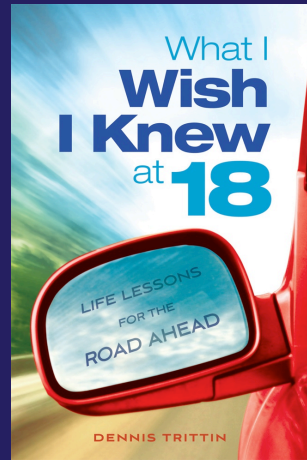
Life Skills

Leadership

Character

Life Literacy

Soft Skills



Relationships

School culture

Developmental Assets

Employability

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About the Course

- Generally for high school but adaptable to lower grades
- 9- or 18-week program
- Free downloadable leader's guide with lesson planning tools and resources
- High level of flexibility for facilitators
- Valuable, relevant, and interactive content
- Improves student achievement, school culture, and "life readiness"

WIWIK@18 Intersections

- FCS Core Standards: 51 competencies
- FCCLA Competitive Events: alignment with 5 Star Event categories
- 23 of 40 Developmental Assets
- AAFCS Webinar (“Life Is about Relationships”)
- Voice to parents; advocating for schools and teens
- FCCLA section under “Toolkit” on website

How to Be a Workplace MVP



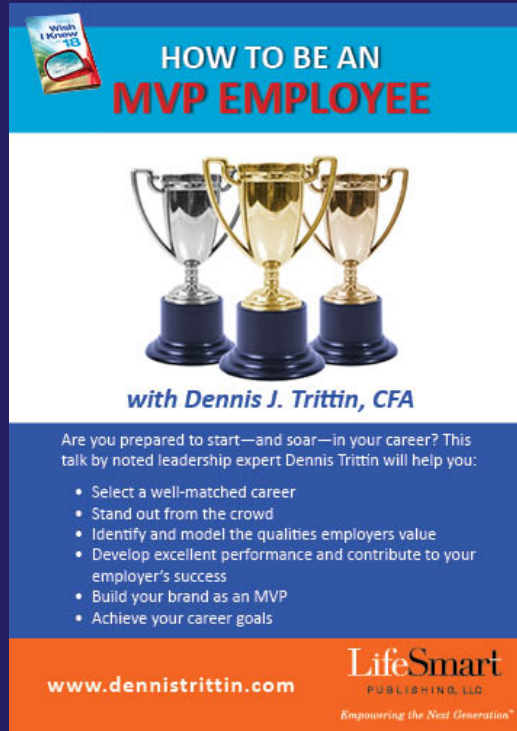
Four MVP Strategies

- Make it a great **match**
- **Model** MVP qualities
- **Perform** with excellence
- Improve **results**

Qualities of Excellence



Training Students for Workplace Success



**HOW TO BE AN
MVP EMPLOYEE**

with Dennis J. Trittin, CFA

Are you prepared to start—and soar—in your career? This talk by noted leadership expert Dennis Trittin will help you:

- Select a well-matched career
- Stand out from the crowd
- Identify and model the qualities employers value
- Develop excellent performance and contribute to your employer's success
- Build your brand as an MVP
- Achieve your career goals

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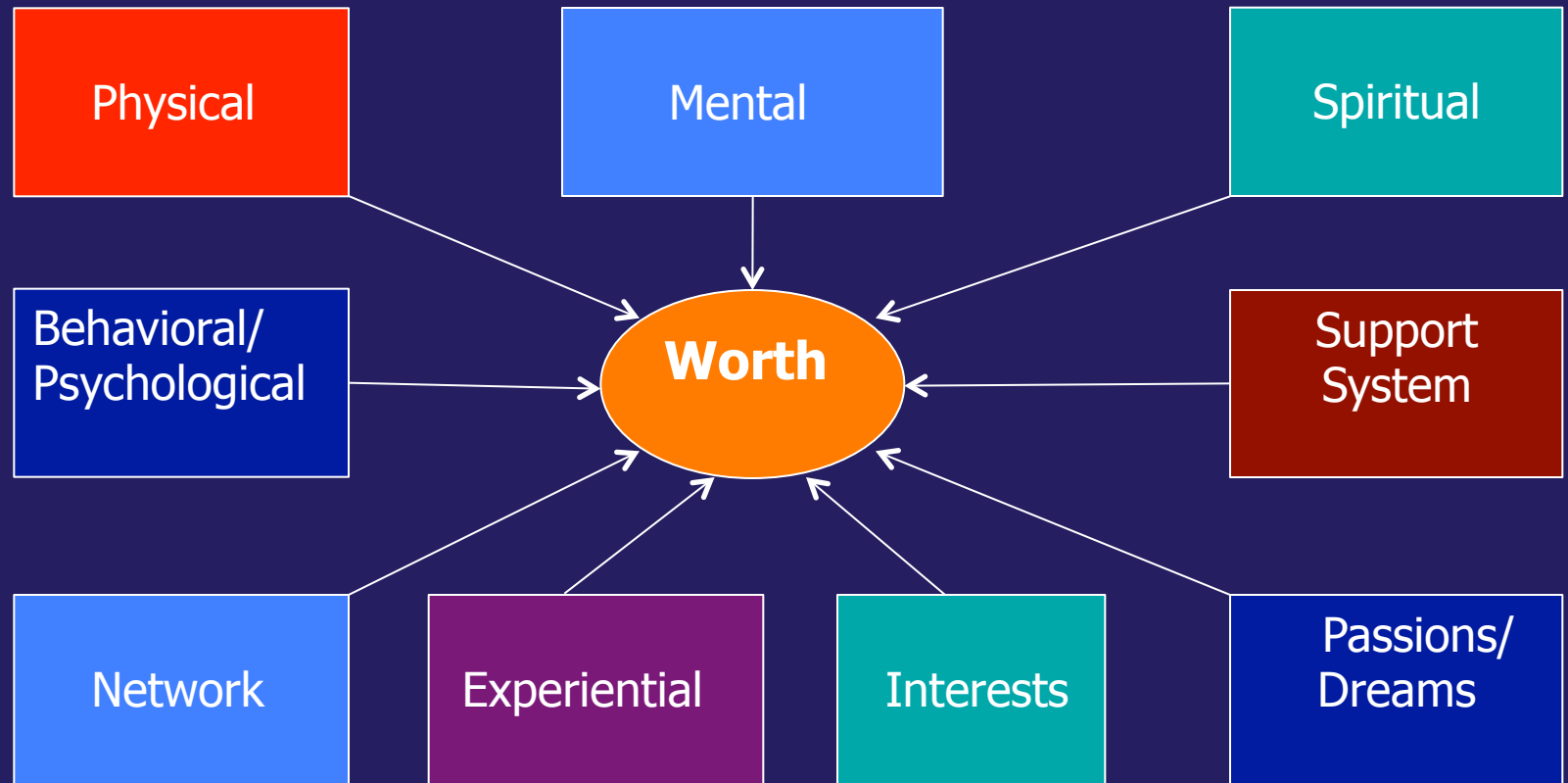
Promoting Self Discovery and Their Sense of Worth



***Today you are You,
that is truer than true.
There is no one alive
that is Youer than You.***

Dr. Suess

Mining the Treasure in Your Students



Addressing the 3 Big Questions

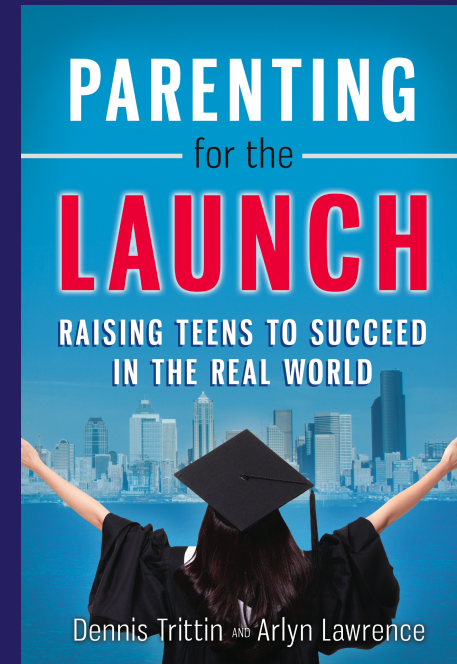
Personal Balance Sheet



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Building Community with Parents

- Effects of parenting style
- Leadership and decision making
- Valuing uniqueness/affirming worth
- Empowering communications
- Recruiting positive voices
- Moving from driver to passenger
- Achieving a successful transition
- Serving as your third party voice!



Preparing Parents for a Successful Launch

PARENTING
for the
LAUNCH

*Preparing Your Child for
College and a Career*

with
Dennis J. Trittin, CFA

Thinking about next steps after high school for your son or daughter? This talk by noted leadership expert and author Dennis Trittin will help you:

- Create an enduring relationship with your teen
- Develop their leadership skills
- Identify and affirm their unique assets
- Position them for success in college, career, and life
- Plan for a smooth transition into independent living

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The Opportunities

- To be at the forefront of life skills development for college, career, and life readiness
- To be viewed as the solution and becoming more mainstreamed in schools
- To engage local business communities (funding, support)

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for building the next generation of
honorable leaders.

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