



Industrial Technology Virtual Learning

CTE/Work Ethic

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Machine Technology 2

Work Ethic – Pursuit of Happiness

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Objective: Students who enter the manufacturing workforce must be taught the “ethics of work” in a way that relates to their personal lives as well as to the manufacturing environment that they will be a part of on a daily basis.

Bell Ringer

How far will you go to insure the happiness of your family?

Introduction

It is a rare day when we would take the time to watch a movie in our welding and machining program, however this one is worth the time. We will be watching the movie “**The Pursuit of Happyness,**” which is based off the real life story of Chris Gardner (played by actor Will Smith). The movie has great merit regarding the issue of work ethic. ***WARNING... This movie will rub you wrong if you are into entitlement!***

Introduction Continued

The questions in this lesson are based off different segments of the movie which I have been broken down for discussion.

Resource

If you have a subscription to Netflix, you can watch the movie for free.

Netflix - <https://www.netflix.com/>

Resource

If you have a subscription to these other streaming sites, you can rent the movie.

Xfinity - <https://my.xfinity.com/>

Amazon - <https://www.amazon.com/>

YouTube - <https://www.youtube.com/>

Assignment

You will be writing a paper for this lesson. You are to write your thoughts to the following questions. 1 page typed is the format we will use. Proper spelling and punctuation are expected. All papers will be typed. No exceptions. You are to **freely give your opinion** even if your opinion disagrees with the teacher.

Make an effort and write a well thought out paper. In the real world of work you will be paid to give an excellent effort, each and every day. Marginal effort in the workforce results in you getting fired, your company suffering the consequences of your poor effort, and customers not getting what they deserve and paid for. So with that being said, start out with good work ethic on the papers you write.

Questions

Ferrari Scene “What do you do and how do you do it?”

1. What are the five most important things you want from your career or job? List them in order of importance to you.

- 1)
- 2)
- 3)
- 4)
- 5)

2. What can you anticipate having to “give up or do” in order to attain the “things” you want?

Questions

3. Is there something that someone else has that you really want? Describe what it is and describe how you think they got it. Does “how” you get things matter to you? In YOUR mind, what is the “right” way to go about getting the things you “want”? Do you have any kind of plan at this stage in life to get what you want?

4. Describe what you think was going through Chris’s head when he was looking at the Ferrari?

Questions

The Pursuit

1. Why did Chris associate “happiness” with a good career or job?

2. Do you think your career will have a big influence on at least a portion of your “pursuit of happiness” in life? Why or why not?

Questions

3. “Happiness” is a relative term and means different things to different people. The reality of life is that we will all face difficult things. It’s not if but when. When the “going gets tough” in life, like it did for Chris, what or who will you turn to? What will get you through these difficult times?

4. Describe a difficult experience you have went through in your life. What is the difference between how you felt at the time verses how you feel now about the situation? What did you take away from the experience that helps you today?

Questions

5. Describe someone you know who has gone through great adversity, but has become a better person because of it. Give the details of what they went through. What do you see in that person that you admire?

6. Let us be realistic, all of your troubles in life are not fixed with a good job and career. However, one of the biggest blessings you can receive and be grateful for in life is getting to work in a career that is fulfilling, meaningful, and enjoyable to you. What has been the most fulfilling endeavor you have been involved with at this point of your life?

Questions

3. The saying goes, “don’t judge a book by its cover”. Describe a time in life when you did this and were dead wrong about another person.
4. In what ways could you prepare yourself for the career field you want to enter?
5. Would you work for 30 days without pay to get your dream job? Why or why not?

Questions

The Internship

1. What did Chris do to make the most of his time as an intern? Watch for the details!

2. At this point in your life are you a “go and get it” type of person or a “sit back and wait” type of person? Why are you this way? Be honest with yourself here.

Questions

3. What do you feel is motivating Chris during his time period as an intern?

4. Would you be willing to be the “gopher” like Chris was asked to do? Why or why not? Do you consider this butt-kissing? Why or why not?

Questions

Desperation

1. What consequences did Chris face from not paying rent? (Give some detail here. This is more than just “not having a place to sleep”)

2. As a father, how do you think Chris felt having to spend the night in a subway bathroom with his son? Describe the emotions in detail, the things going through his head and heart during this time. What do you think was going through his son’s head and heart though this ordeal?

Questions

3. How did Chris show humility in having to ask for help at the homeless shelter?
4. How easy is it for you to set aside your pride to ask for help? In doing, so do you risk losing your integrity? Why or why not?

Questions

Success

1. How does it feel when you see someone finally succeeding, when the “underdog” prevails? How did it make you feel to see Chris “make it”? Describe another underdog that you have seen “make it”.
2. After seeing all of what Chris went through, would you be willing to go to the same effort to provide a good and secure income for your family?
3. Describe how watching this movie has influenced you. What are the key things you took away from it?