

**Finding a Job
OR
Starting a Career?**

Professional Associations and Profession Planning

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Let's Recap

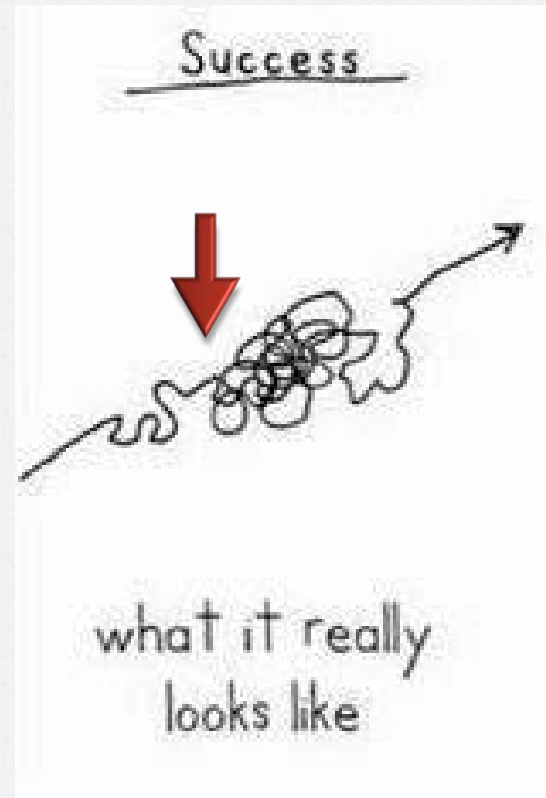
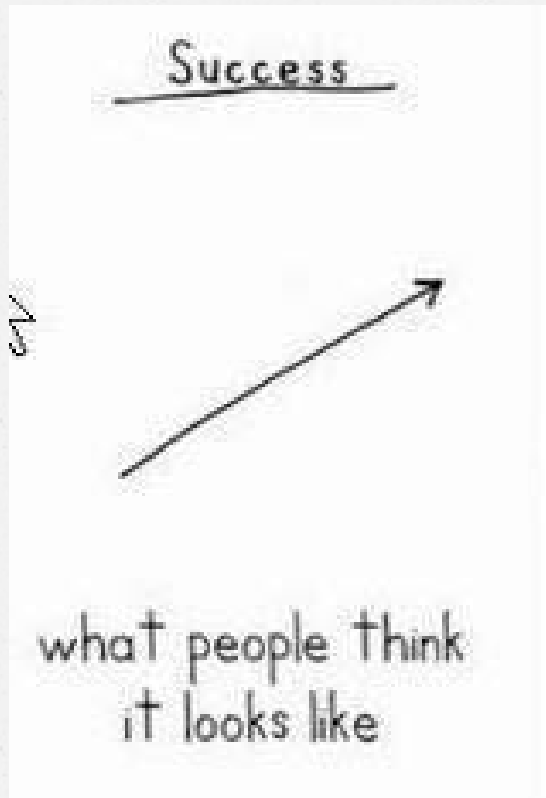
Today's Agenda:

- o Building Your Leadership Resume
- o Connecting to Make an Impact
- o Hot Topics in the Field
- o Later...Analyst Roundtables

Professional Associations Can Help:

- o Lead a project
- o Create something new
- o New people, new perspectives
- o Keep up-to-date on your field
- o Discover new jobs

The Key to a Successful Career...



Lessons Learned

- o Trust your Instincts
- o Think long-term and BIG-PICTURE
- o Be honest with yourself
- o Don't be afraid to change your mind



Resources



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Even Better Lessons...

"It is the memories that matter... It started in secondary school, went on with you through college and occurs in your everyday work now. Recognize those opportunities to create memories like Tom Peters points out and you'll start having more fun, more opportunities will open up to you. However, I must caution you that once you start, it is very addictive."

*discussing motivational author Tom Peters

– GovLoop Commenter

Even Better Lessons...

“If you want to be successful patience is a great virtue... a job is a part of the process only, and not an end result. Success is based on how you plan to achieve your goals. While you are on the job be the best you can be. I am sure the network of people you met in university and the one you work with presently will have noticed your work ethic. The end result depends on the innovation, resourcefulness of the individual.”

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Even Better Lessons...

“Give it all a chance, and keep asking yourself what your objectives and motives might translate to. Sometimes jobs surprise you in providing counter-intuitive ways to express what's important to you. Besides, your motives may change over your working life and there may well be career paths that don't appeal now but which will appeal later. Be open.”

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Even Better Lessons...

*“Networking isn’t just about the people you got to know during your internship. Networking also is about getting to know the people who know the people that you have gotten to know, and the people that those people know, and so on...Ask people if they would be willing to spend about 30 minutes during lunch one day to talk about careers in the federal government and how to get your foot in the door...**Truth be told, the things they tell you are less important than fostering the contact. The point of having lunch with them is to help them remember you** later, so that if/when a position does become available, you become much more than someone that Mrs. Mary Smith recommended. They will have formed a personal opinion of you.”*

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Thank You & Good Luck!

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