As your final project, you will write an essay in which you present your own Personal Philosophy of Success. The purpose of your essay is to define the success strategies that you will use for years to come. The essay is your opportunity to write the script that will keep you on course to a rich, personally fulfilling life!

“A” PAPER WILL INCLUDE

1. Demonstrate the writer’s careful consideration of three or more important success strategies (Review the “Wise Choices in College” sections in the textbook, the professor’s handouts – Time/Stress Management Packet, lectures, class notes, class activities, etc.).
2. Contain extensive support (examples, experiences, evidence, and/or explanation) for each strategy. Remember to be a clear and detailed as possible.
3. Show a commitment to excellence in preparation, including professional appearance (computer processed or typed) and a command of Standard English (proper English).
4. Proper grammar, spelling and punctuation will be expected in this final essay (Visit tutorial services if you require assistance in this area, in building 6 – south entrance).
6. Double spaced and margin 1 inch around.
7. Font must be Arial or Times New Roman and font size must be 12 (no bigger or smaller).
8. Appropriate references must be sited within the essay and a separate reference page must be used (separate reference page will not be counted as minimum pages).
9. Pictures/images/appendix - OPTIONAL (separate pages will not be counted as minimum pages)

SOME SUCCESS STRATEGIES YOU CAN WRITE ABOUT

- Personal Responsibility (Victim vs. Creator, Inner Guide)
- Self Motivation (DAPPS, Life Roles and Dreams)
- Self Management/Time Management/Money Management/Self Discipline
- Interdependence
- Self Awareness (Journal Writings, Self Assessments)
- Lifelong Learning/Learning Styles/Make Course Corrections
- Emotional Intelligence/Stress Management (Visualization)
- Believe in Themselves
- Note Taking Skills/Effective Writing/Effective Reading/Study Skills
- Resources (Learning College Customs, Tutorial Services, Counseling/Advising, etc.)
- Wise Choices in College (at the end of each chapter)

EXAMPLE OF WORK SITED / REFERENCE PAGE

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