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What I Have learned About Being a Manager

This world is powerless without money. Everything involves money. No average person can go a single day without having to deal with money at some point. Almost every place where we spend this money are at businesses. Every where you look there is a business in sight. You look left and you see a farm, that is a business, you look down at the clothes on your body and see a brand name, that is a business, the money you spent on your cellular device contributed to several different businesses. Businesses are all around us and what does every business need? Managers. A manager is someone who has full or part control and direction of an institution or business. Managers have many different roles such as organizing, leading, planning and many more. I was fortunate enough to experience what it is like to be a manager of our small group owned YouThrive class business project. In this semester, I have learned different leadership strengths I have acquired, the planning required to start up and run a business/community event, and different motivational factors to keep working hard at everything I encounter.

Firstly, being a manager taught me different ways in being a leader. There are very many different ways in which someone can lead. For example someone can lead by vocalization, or lead by example. The biggest encounter I had all semester in being a leader was the YouThrive business

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project. As CEO of our product “Ba-Bands”, I knew I had accepted a leadership role amongst our

group. I had to learn how to be vocal and socialize with our team members to make sure things were getting done on time and to the best of our ability. More importantly, I think that leading by example is what showed me personally, to what being a leader is about. At the start of our YouThrive project, you show the standards you have set to your team and that shows how important this project really is to you, and at that exact moment is where you let your team know, you do not want to be let down and they will work to the best of their capabilities to not let you down and following your lead. I learned that if you set a strong example and you show to your team how hard you are willing to work, they will follow right behind you because of the standards you have set for yourself.

Secondly, in my opinion what I found the most time consuming and hardest part of this course was the planning. Everything involves planning. Started from the Gr.9 retreat to our Halloween parade, to our community event, to interviewing our manager and more. What I would take away most from this semester that I would have not already known is the planning of everything. The time and thought it takes to put everything in to perspective about being a manager is a tremendous amount of work. Planning is so important to being successful because it determines the layout of how everything will work. I am not just looking at the standpoint view of being successful in a business, but being successful in life. If you plan ahead, and plan your whole day, week, month or even year out to exactly what you have to do to be successful, there is not a single reason why at the end of that day, week, month or year you can't be successful. Sure, there are going to be times where you will run in to obstacles that will slow you down but that is where different factors that come in to play such as motivation and the type of person you are going to chose to be. Everybody has a plan in life.

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Everybody has dreams, goals, visions. The real question of growth is whether or not they are going to

plan out all of these idea's to become successful and follow through with their plan. I learned that planning is a big part of being a manager and is a big part out in the real world. If you aren't willing to put time in to your planning, odds are whatever you are doing, it will never work out.

Finally, this course has taught me different motivational strategies and how I can apply those in to real life situations. Motivation is a key part in being a manager and leader. I learned that money play's a massive role when it comes to the real world in motivating people, but when it comes down to it, it should not be an external factor that motivates you. The true way to motivate yourself or somebody else is to find something within and internally. I learned as a manager that to keep myself and others motivated that money should not be at the top of my list. There is a saying by Bob Marley that I enjoy and it quotes “If money is numbers and numbers never end, your search for happiness will never end.” I look at this quote as there shouldn't be something external to make you completely satisfied and happy, there should be something that drives you on the inside. As a manager, to motivate my employees and co-workers, I would like to establish a personal relationship to know what it would take to motivate and persevere them to do there absolute best. Every body has a reason for where they are at in their life, it is just a matter of fact if they are happy with where they are in their life. Every single day, I take one step closer to my dream by working on strengths and weaknesses to the best of my capability, because I know there is nothing else I would rather do in this life other than that one single thing. That is what personally motivates me to become the best person I can be and to never stop growing as a person, and I think that is how everybody should look at their life. To find that thing that makes them happy and never lose grasp of it because life is to short to not

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do what you love.

In the end, this course has taught me different valuable lessons. Leadership skills, the planning of events inside and outside of school, and that motivation is what will drive me for the rest of my life. I can take several points out of these lessons to apply to real life situations. I have learned valuable things, and that one day I could use these to become a manager out in today's society.