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Solomon Banks

It all happened when I was four years old. My father used to beat my mother. Sometimes I wanted to scream. But I knew if I screamed I was going to get hit. So I didn't scream. Sometimes me and my older brother wanted to kill my father. But the reason why we didn't is because she (my mother) loved him and she did not want us to hurt him. My father is a control freak. So I moved out of my father's household. He is a good man, but he does not know how to show it. My father is a good guy, but he can just show it a little more. This is the way he is because he learned these ways from his father who raised him. So that is a part of life. That just about sums it up.

Andre Barrino

What Makes A Good Leader?

There are a lot of things that make a good leader. The first quality is confidence. You must have confidence in yourself. If you don't have confidence in yourself you shouldn't become a leader. Because it takes confidence to stand up for what's right. The second thing is understanding people. You should understand people because they are the ones who will support you in being their leader. The people will let you know what you should talk about. The third requirement is honesty. You should be honest in what you are doing. You should never lie about things, cheat or steal. Always be true to yourself and to the people as well. The last requirement is to set an example. You should always set an example so that the people can get an idea of what you are talking about. Setting an example is the most important part of being a good leader. In conclusion, These are the four things that will make a good leader. Follow these steps and you will become the best leader for the community.

Julitssa Dixon

List Ways to Find a Job

There are many ways one can go about finding a job; but, first they must know where to go for information about jobs. How to apply for a job and how to interview for a job.

Finding information about jobs is easy. One can look in the want ads where there is a listing for all kinds of job openings. One can even be told about a job opening by a friend or relative. To apply for a job one must have a resume. A resume is a written summary of a person's background. It lets the employer know many things about you, such as your work history and your qualifications. Last, but not least a person needs to know how to interview for a job. When you are asked to come to an interview make sure that you arrive a few minutes early, but not too early. Your appearance is also important. You must dress conservatively and be prepared to answer questions about yourself. Bring a copy of your resume. Smile. Give a firm handshake when you introduce yourself to the interviewer. Be polite. Avoid nervous habits. Make eye contact. Answer questions to the

point. And, most importantly, make sure you leave the impression that you want the job and that you are able to do it.

Luquanda Croft

April and May

April showers come and go, however April is a new start for each and every one. We may not like the April showers but April is the start of a new life. You see the trees start a new life, the grass starts to grow. After all our April showers here comes May and May brings us all the flowers. So whenever you do something that's not right Spring is the time to start over and get it right. Spring shows us that there's a new life for every one and every thing around you.

Alex Flyangolts

Why I Am Working Towards My GED Diploma

The reason I want to get a GED diploma is that I did not like sitting in classes at my regular school. I think that it is going to go faster than to get all my credits at school. I did not like some teachers and they did not like me. Actually, there was only one teacher that always picked on me. She was an English teacher, and it so happened that she was my teacher for three semesters. The reason I did not like her is that every time she gave the class a project to do, at the beginning of the new semester, mine was lost. I always did the projects because it was a new marking period. I always got another 0 for not doing it. After that I stopped doing all the work for that class. Also, I fell asleep in her class. What she did was to make the whole class watch me sleep. That day was the last day that I went to her class. Instead, during that period I sat in one of the guidance counselors' office. The teacher would call my house four times a week. Each time she got the same answer, "Tomorrow I am

going to come in.” Nothing happened until one day she saw me in the office. I was sitting there and she asked, “Why did you stop coming to class?” so I told her about that day when I fell asleep, and she apologized. When I came to class the next day she made an announcement, “Alex is back.” Some students asked if I was a new student in that class.

In conclusion, this is why I left Madison High School and came to VTC Shorefront Y.

Gustave Eisenstein

Why It Is Important For Me To Train For A Job At VESID

For me, job training is important because I need to gain working skills and experience. So far, I have gained experience in filing and data entry on a computer. Last year, I worked as a teacher's aide and I enjoyed it.

The reason why I signed up for VESID is because I have a learning disability. My site teacher suggested VESID because this program can help me gain additional working skills, experience and confidence. Also, they do job placement.

Rachel Friedman

Apartheid

The former policy of apartheid still influences life in South Africa. In South Africa the whites have better jobs and a better standard of living. For years the whites had more opportunity for a good education than blacks; and they could work any where they wanted. The whites had more control over the blacks in those days. Also , the reason why blacks couldn't work is because they were held back and the blacks had no education. The reason why whites have a better standard of living is because they make more money than the blacks. Africans were not allowed to vote and they couldn't go to the same school as white children. Marrying someone of a different race was not allowed. Blacks used to live in slummy neighborhoods. They had no food to eat and hardly any shelter.

As I state above whites had more jobs and lived better than the blacks.

Julia King

My Last Day In VTC

Well, today is my last day in VTC. I have successfully completed the work in order to get my credits and my diploma. This was my only objective; but I ended up working with people who like me. In addition to working with children that I have grown attached to, I got an offer to become certified as a para. A lot of doors have opened for me since I have been in this program. I am glad I made the choice to attend VTC.

Jason Luciano

A Positive Change

If I could make one positive change in my daily life it would be to go to sleep earlier. I have plenty of reasons why I would change that. My first reason is if I go to sleep really late, I won't be able to wake up for school the next morning. In school I would not be able to concentrate as well as I would have if I had went to sleep early. Then, after school, I would go home and go to sleep and wake up at night time. I then would not be able to go to sleep. I would probably stay up the whole night. Then, I would want to go to sleep when it's time to go to school.

So, in conclusion, these are my reasons for wanting to go to sleep early.

Clint Rivera

The only news I rely on is the news on TV. The reason why I like to watch it on TV is because it's live. The news from TV usually tells more details about what happened. They have a lot of updates on TV, especially if the news involves action or scandal.

I don't like to rely on a friend for the news because my friend may have misunderstood what he heard. Sometimes younger friends tend to lie a little bit or add a little bit more than what really happened. Your friend might even get two broadcasts mixed up.

I don't like to listen to the news on the radio because the news on the radio is boring. When you are listening to the news on the radio you have to make up a picture in your mind. Then you may make up news that never happened.

Newspapers are OK, but the newspaper is always a day old. Newspapers also like to always add a little more than what they're supposed to.

For the reasons listed above, I prefer to watch the news on TV.

Jonathan Shapiro

My Job At JASA

During my job at JASA, I liked working with numerous people. I really enjoy working with Roderick, Michael, Loa, Boris and Mario.

The person I mainly work with is Roderick. I really enjoy working every day with him because he is a hard working and a nice person. Roderick always gives me lots of work to do which is good, because when I get a real job I know that I will have to do lots of work as well to get a good salary. Roderick is rarely ever mean to me during my job. The only time he gets mad is when I accidentally dirty the coffee table and forget to clean the table. He also gets mad when I take too long to sweep or clean up.

Michael never gets mad at the work that I do. He always compliments me on the good work that I have done. The same goes with Boris and Loa. They both especially like that I am there to help out every day.

There was one day at my job at JASA that I will never forget. I never forget the time when Roderick told me to sweep in the kitchen. While I was sweeping I said to myself maybe I should sweep under

the steamer because they probably never sweep under there. So, while I was sweeping under the steamer I swept up a knife.

When I found the knife I first showed it to one of the chefs. I don't remember his name, but when I showed him the knife, he was shocked and said to me, "You found it?" I then said to him, "Yes." I then told him to clean the knife. After that, I then told Boris about the knife that I found. At first, he didn't understand what I meant but when he saw the knife he was so happy that I found the knife. He told me that he lost the knife for about two or three weeks and those weeks he really needed it. He then told every one else about it. Michael and Loa were so happy.

Now that I have found their knife they can use it every day like they used to knowing that I was the one who found it. Since I found the knife, I know that I am doing a great job in the kitchen and every one really enjoys that I am there to help them every day without a problem.

Deshawn Strickland

The VTC Program

I used to be a student in Canarsie High. I wasn't learning anything there. One of the reasons I wasn't learning there is because I had too many friends. My guidance counselor suggested that I leave Canarsie High School and go to VTC. I now attend the VTC program at the Shorefront Y site. I really enjoy going to this school. I learned how to read a pay check and how to write a resume. Also, I learned that it's important to come on time every day and to attend regularly. My work assignment is the Y kitchen. I clean the kitchen and the equipment. In the dining room I wash the tables and chairs. I have also learned to prepare salads and how to maintain inventories. The people I work with respect me and I like working with them.

Glenn Sussman

Monday was my first day in my new school. I had the VTC interview in Rockaway Park, Queens at Beach Channel High School. I transferred from an OES site in Canarsie where I went for two years. I will miss the staff and students. It all happened so fast, and I'm happy I'm in this great school. Also, I started to work at the store up the block. I feel like this is a whole new life for me. I will stay with it and accomplish what I came here for. I like the pressure of doing what you have to do. I went to my old school for two years and I wanted to move on to something better. This new school has what I need.

Melissa Temple

My least favorite people in this world may come as a surprise to many people because the people I dislike the most are my parents.

This may seem strange to other people. They may ask, "Why?" or, "How could you feel that way about the people who brought you into this world and gave you life?" Well, my reply to the question is, "You can love someone unconditionally, but you don't have to like them; meaning you can love them, but you don't have to like the things they do or say. Because of certain situations a person is sometimes put into a position which forces them to act unlike themselves. In my opinion, a person who likes or cares about another person should at all times be respectful, straight forward and caring towards the feelings of others. These are the reasons why I don't like my parents very much. They did not and still do not show these virtues towards each other or their children.

Sidney Vincent

Family Problems

My mother and I have always had our little spats. But, over all, we were cool. Then, along came Messy and everything went to hell. My mother is on my case about me always having Messy up in my room. Then Messy gets mad that she can't stay with me. So, whatever I do I'm out! Now things are getting worse, because the more my mother sees Messy the more she starts to dislike her. It's gotten to the point where Messy is not able to come over any more. My mother even pulled out the phone cord while I was talking to Messy last night.

Candelaria Vicente

Someone I Like

I am going to tell you about somebody I like in NYC VTC. This person is Solomon. I like him because he is very nice to me and we are like brother and sister. But, at first when I met him I didn't like him. Then when I got to know him I saw that he was a nice person . I really do not want him to leave NYC VTC, because he makes it fun in class and when we are walking to and from our job site. Whenever he's got money he will give some to his friends. Also, he bought me a new pair of sneakers. He is a good friend that I met at NYC VTC. He is also somebody I can talk to about everything. We talk about problems that we may have with our boyfriend or girlfriend. We also talk about class work and what we are going to do after school. This is why he is such a good friend.

Lashal Williams

If I could make one positive change to my daily life it would be to always do something in my life. Because just sitting around every day doing the same thing day after day gets boring. After a while you're just sitting watching your life go by. You see my goal is to be somebody. That somebody would be a singer, doctor, lawyer, medical assistant, or police officer. I'm going to make sure that I do what I want in life; meaning succeeding in my goals. There are so many things that I want to do in my life. Now, I'm back on track as in going back to school, because I need a diploma in order to get a real job. Today the majority of the jobs require a diploma. Without that piece of paper saying that you finished school you can not get a real job.

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