Planning for Success

If you want to excel in life, you have to have hopes, dreams and ambition! When you’re setting goals for yourself, keep in mind these suggestions:

- **Be specific.** Know exactly what it is you want to achieve.
- **Be realistic.** Results won’t happen overnight. It may take several steps to reach your goal.
- **Set time limits.** It will help motivate you toward your goal.
- **Write your goals down.** Use your datebook to record your goals and track your progress.

Think About It

- Which of your friends and family members have achieved ambitious goals?
- What kinds of obstacles have they overcome?
- What helped them achieve their goals?
- What do you share in common with other ambitious people you admire?

Already Ambitious?

If it’s overwhelming to plan long-range goals, you can start small. Set goals to achieve in the week, the month or the semester. Each small goal is one step closer to the big picture. Chances are, you’re already ambitious! Ask yourself:

- How have I shown ambition this week?
- What goals have I achieved in the last two years?

“Intelligence without ambition is a bird without wings.”

— C. Archie Danielson