



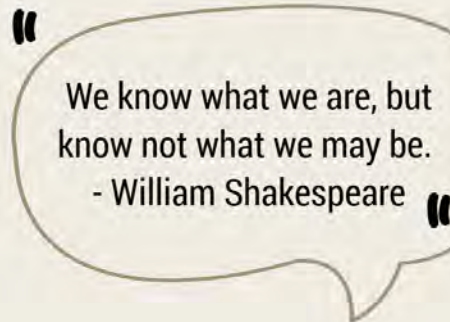
From College to Career

My Dyslexic Advantage

Let's Talk Plans...



But First...
High School



High School Struggles

- Slow Reading
- Problem with writing and spelling
- Reading out loud
- Staying focused during class

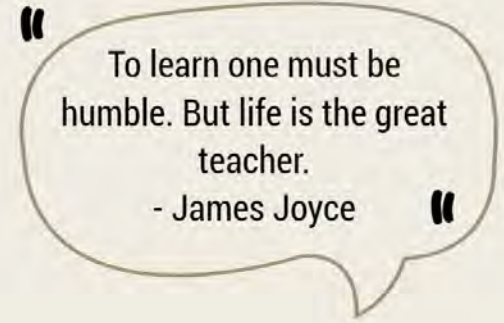
All of this lead to...

Fear

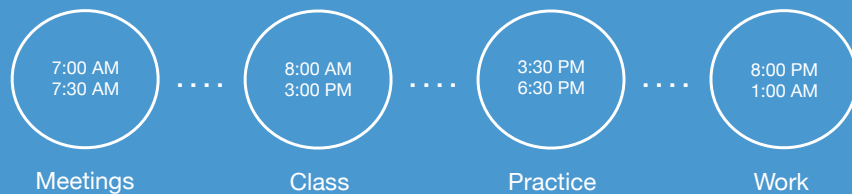
An unpleasant emotion caused by the belief that someone or something is dangerous, likely to cause pain, or a threat.



Now, off to...
College



I Hate Mondays...



Struggle to Strength #1

Organize & Prepare

I realized that the struggles that I was use to in high school would cause me to fail in college. So I developed habits that helped me in class and eventually play a part in my future career.

Keys to Organization...



Notebook Enthusiast

I started using many notebooks for everything. To avoid clutter, I only used one large notebook with multiple sections. Instead of focusing on taking extensive notes, I only wrote down the important details.



Multiple Calendars

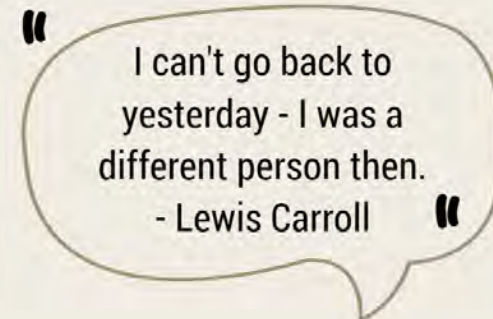
I would keep multiple calendars to help me prioritize my time. Online calendars are great for automatic reminders. However, writing down plans helped me remember smaller details about appointments or assignments.



Personal Journal

My journal was filled with random thoughts and spelling mistakes. But I found that the more I wrote in my journal, I would get better at explaining my thoughts and organizing my ideas.

I think I'll be an...
English Major?



Find Your Passion...

Take the time to look back at the things you enjoy.

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- Literary Discussions
 - Papers vs. Tests
 - Themes and Plots
 - Great Material

Slow & Steady Gets It Done

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Reading Workload
Research/Citation
Shakespeare
Papers

Solutions

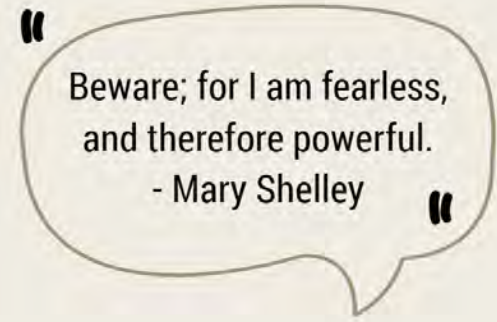
More Reading Time
Active Reading
Tutors
Writing Center

Struggle to Strength #2

Listen & Understand

Spending more time with my assignments and engaging with the class discussions taught me that just because I struggled with things like reading and writing didn't mean I couldn't do them. I just had to find a way that worked for me.

I can do this...
I think



Challenge = Growth

- Reading: taking on harder material.
- Comprehension: picking out the most important details.
- Writing: repetition and consistency.
- Confidence: preparation eliminates worry.

Tough Guys...



William Shakespeare

The Complete Works of William Shakespeare

*"Be not afraid of greatness:
some are born great, some
achieve greatness, and some
have greatness thrust upon
them."*

- Julius Caesar

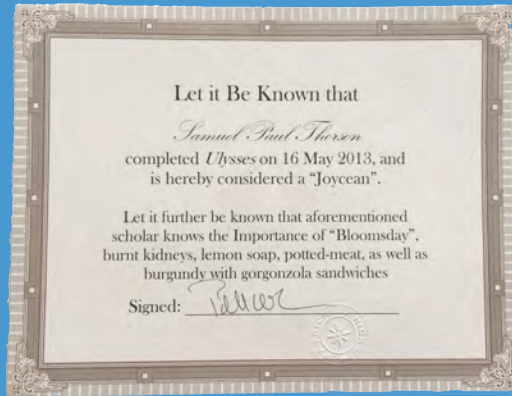


James Joyce

Ulysses

*"A man of genius makes no
mistakes. His errors are
volitional and are the portals
of discovery."*

- Ulysses



Struggle to Strength #3

Confidence

Teaching someone to have confidence might be one of the hardest ideas or concepts to pass along from one person to another. It's a very personal journey that's different for everyone. But being confident in the face of struggle is the first step to achieving your goal.

College... Check!
Now What?

“ You step onto the road, and if you don't keep your feet, there's no knowing where you might be swept off to. ”
- J.R.R Tolkien

My Career Path...



News Producer

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Freelance Writer

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Content Specialist

Applying My Strengths...

Strength #1 – Organize & Prepare

- Organizing Events
- Content Calendars
- Content Strategies

Applying My Strengths...

Strength #2 – Listen & Understand

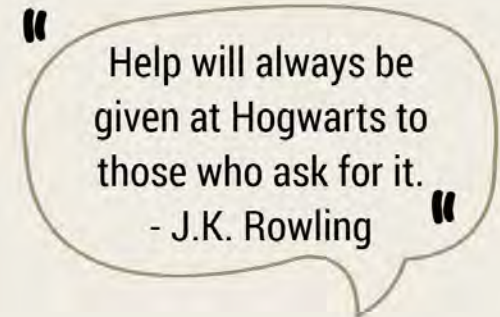
- Creating Personal Content
- Listening to Clients
- Telling the Client's Story

Applying My Strengths...

Strength #3 – Confidence

- Speaking/Presenting to Clients
- Taking on New Responsibilities
- Asking for Help

Not Alone...
Never Alone!



Additional Resources...



Kurzweil
Software



Livescribe:
Echo 2 Pen



One-on-one
Tutoring



English Dept.
Writing Center

Wrap It Up...

1

Find ways to stay organized that make sense to you.

Look ahead to prepare yourself for all —outcomes.—

Take advantage of online & offline resources.

2

Take time to figure out what you enjoy doing.

Learn to pick out the important details.

Practice summarizing those details into thoughts.

3

In order to grow, you must first challenge yourself.

Face each new challenge with confidence.

Never be afraid to ask for help or advice.



Thank You!

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Any Questions...?