

## Quotations to Inspire Midshipmen

We sent our son some inspirational quotes during his plebe summer/year. We printed them, cut them out and put them in letters and packages. They are listed here for your use. They are in no order or category, so you'll just have to browse. There are more than enough to last through Plebe Summer and even through those nasty Dark Ages and Finals Weeks. You don't need to use all. Choose the ones that make sense for your son/daughter.

We had a bowl full of them at his I-Day party. We gave attendees a paper and envelope. They wrote messages to encourage him during Plebe Summer and included one of these quotes as well as a picture they brought in the envelope. We mail them in batches so he received some of these letters every week.

**Never give up, though the road may seem long.  
Hang in there, my friend, you know what to do.  
And never forget that We love you.**

**Should you ever think of me,  
my wish is that it makes you smile."**

**As you aspire to inspire, you must perspire!"**

**Transfer your uncertainty to faith,  
and you can never fail."**

**80% of what you do is attitude, 20% is skill.**

**A drive for success is motivational and inspirational.  
The process is painful and wearisome.  
In the end, nothing can describe what it feels like to succeed.**

**There are three key attributes for success:  
Skill, Knowledge, and Attitude.  
Skill and Knowledge can be taught and acquired,  
Attitude is fully under your control.  
And you've got it.**

**In the pursuit to better ourselves,  
we are sure to encounter failure.  
Going on after each failure is how character is built.**

**Yesterday you were raw,  
Today you have improved,  
Tomorrow you will be even better,  
Persist and soon you will lead others.**

**Dream so BIG that you cannot achieve it;  
Until you grow into the person who can!**

**Success is neither a long jump nor a high jump;  
It is the many steps of the marathon race.**

**You may fail twenty times,  
But if you work hard as a team  
You will always succeed.**

**“Finish each day and be done with it.  
You have done what you could.  
Some blunders and absurdities no doubt crept in;  
forget them as soon as you can.  
Tomorrow is a new day; begin it well and serenely  
and with too high a spirit to be cumbered with your old nonsense.”  
----- Ralph Waldo Emerson -----**

**"The history of the world is the history  
of a few men who had faith in themselves.  
That faith calls out the divinity within. You can do anything."  
----- Swami Vivekananda -----**

**What matters in this life is more than winning for ourselves;  
What matters in this life is helping others win,  
Even if it means slowing down and changing our course.**

**The direction in which we are going  
Is more important than where we were.**

**It takes strength to be courageous  
and courage to be strong.**

**Success is within you.  
Dream it, Want it and it will become yours.**

**"I can accept failure, but, I can't accept not trying."  
----- Michael Jordan -----**

**No matter what the outcome is,  
The better man is always the one who works harder.**

**Everyone fails, everyone succeeds,  
But no one succeeds without failure.**

**Everyone fails. It is our actions after our failures,  
that make us succeed.**

**When you invest in somebody else's success,  
your own is guaranteed.**

**“ Excellence is not an event, it is a habit.  
You are what you repeatedly do.”  
----- Aristotle -----**

**Sometimes you just have to jump  
And develop your wings on your way down.**

**It is extremely hard to be effective in any facets of one's life while under the constraints of constant fear. Curiously, most of the things we fear become larger and more pronounced the more we focus on them. Conversely, when we refuse to allow that thing or those things we fear to rule our thoughts, the fears began to work for us rather than against us. It's a mind game and we WILL win over any fear or fears we have!**

**Make that determination and you've won the game!**

**Today I will do the things other people don't want to do,  
So tomorrow I can do the things other people cannot do.**

**"Learn to get in touch with the silence within yourself and know that  
everything in this life has a purpose. There are no mistakes, no  
coincidences, and all events are blessings given to us to learn  
from."**

**----- Elizabeth Kubler-Ross -----**

**"I am a slow walker...but I never walk backwards."**

**----- Abraham Lincoln -----**

**Hope doesn't guarantee anything, hard work does.**

**My interest is in the future, because I am going to spend the rest of  
my life there.**

**Excellence is giving more than you know you have.  
Excellence is you.**

**Lord, help me be the person  
that my Grandmother thinks I am.**

**"What God intended for you  
Goes far beyond anything that you can imagine."**

**----- Oprah Winfrey -----**

**"Trust in the Lord with all your heart,  
And lean not on your own understanding;  
In all your ways acknowledge Him,  
And He shall direct your paths."**

**----- Proverbs 3:5-6 -----**

**Don't count the days;  
Make the days count.**

**Whatever the challenge,  
Whatever the need,  
I've got what it takes;  
I will succeed!**

**"He knows the way that I take;  
When he has tested me, I will come forth as gold."  
----- Job 23:10 -----**

**Beautiful Savior,  
My friend and my guide,  
There's peace in my heart  
Because You're by my side.**

**You taught me to pray--  
Ask in faith, and receive,  
You taught me to trust--  
Not to fear, but believe.**

**Please help me to remember  
In all that I do--  
My courage, my hope,  
And my strength are in You.  
----- Emily Matthews -----**

**Alone we can do so little, together we can do so much.**

**"Lord, Grant that I may always desire  
more than I can accomplish."  
----- Michelangelo -----**

**"May the road rise to meet you  
May the wind always be at your back  
May the sunshine warm upon your face  
The rains falls soft upon your fields  
and until we meet again  
May GOD hold you in the palm of his hand."  
----- An Old Irish Blessing -----**

**“Don't be afraid, for I am with you.  
Do not be dismayed, for I am your God.  
I will strengthen you. I will help you.  
I will uphold you with my victorious right hand.”  
----- Isaiah 41:10 -----**

**“Wheresoever you go, go with all your heart.”  
----- Confucius -----**

**“Wherever life may take you  
Whatever goals you seek,  
Remember that you're special  
And your talents are unique.  
Remember what is in your heart  
Should always be your guide,  
And that each day you're thought about  
With so much love and pride.”**

**“It is not easy to live life sometimes  
And face the world with a smile  
when you're crying inside.  
It takes a lot of courage to reach down inside yourself,  
Hold on to that strength that's still there,  
And know that tomorrow is a new day  
with new possibilities.**

**If you can just hold on long enough to see this through,  
You'll come out a new person-stronger,  
With more understanding  
and with a new pride in yourself  
From knowing you made it.**

**Courage is doing what you are afraid to do.  
There can be no courage without fear.**

**Fear is nothing except a drain of energy and  
Not a power unto itself. Trust in yourself,  
For therein lies the true power.**

**As long as you are faced in the right direction,**

**It does not matter the size of your steps.**

**What you are is God's gift to you.  
What you make of yourself is your gift back to God.**

**Stay strong, God made you special  
and gave you something no one else can take away.  
He doesn't want you to hide that gift  
it is to be used everyday.  
So stay standing when your legs feel weak  
and when the world seems all wrong.  
When people try to tear you down, inside you say,  
I will stay strong."**

**"No try not,  
Do or do not,  
There is no try!"  
----- Yoda to Luke Skywalker from Star Wars -----**

**"Success is sweet  
But it's secret is sweat**

**None of us is as strong as all of us.**

**Never give up!  
Failure and rejection are only the  
1st steps to succeeding.**

**Success is getting up just one time  
more than you have fallen.**

**There are no failures in life  
Only people who gave up to soon.**

**Wherever you find a successful person,  
you will find a person who has struggled in his or her life.  
Life is a struggle and the rewards go to those who**

**meet difficulty face to face, overcome it,  
and move on to the next challenge.**

**The biggest difference between a success and a failure is  
A successful person is able to do something that he doesn't like  
But a failure can't.**

**In track and field, it is thought that if you are  
in better shape than I am you will win.  
This is false.  
Whoever has more heart and has the  
will to suffer more pain, will be the victor.  
This is also true in life; the more your hurt, the more you learn,  
the more you learn the better you can live your life in the future.  
And every second you spend here is already history  
so the future is never far away.**

**No one is 100% every day,  
But how you strive on the days you are less than 100%  
Dictates your hall of fame status.**

**If you tell yourself you are a winner  
Eventually you'll become one.  
Until then, practice.**

**The true test of courage is helping he who needs you,  
Though you need him just as bad.**

**The vision of a champion is someone who is  
Bent over, drenched in sweat, at the point of exhaustion,  
When nobody else is watching.**

**"I have failed over and over again -- that is why I succeed."  
----- Michael Jordan -----**

**"The finest steel must endure the hottest fire."  
----- Richard Nixon -----**

**"I've tried 99 times and I failed,  
but on the 100th try, came success."  
----- Albert Einstein -----**

**Success is more about attitude than aptitude.**

**Success is 10% mechanics and 90% attitude.**

**Your altitude is determined by your attitude**

**When you think you can do something,  
then it's probably too easy.  
It's only when you think you can't do something  
that it becomes a challenge.  
The mind always gives up before the body."**

**Hard work beats talent, when talent doesn't work hard.**

**There was a very important job that needed to be done  
and Everybody was sure that Somebody would do it.  
Anybody could have done it really, but as it turned out,  
Nobody did it.  
This made Somebody very angry because,  
after all, it was Everybody's job.  
But Everybody thought Anybody could do it  
and Nobody realized that Everybody would not do it.  
So the story sadly ends with Everybody blaming Somebody  
when Nobody did what Anybody could have done.**

**Twenty years from now, you will be more disappointed by the things  
that you didn't do than by the ones you did do. So throw off the  
bowlines. Sail away from the safe harbor. Catch the trade winds in  
your sails - Explore, Dream, Discover.  
----- Mark Twain -----**

**And the day came when the risk it took  
to remain tight inside the bud  
was more painful than the risk it took to blossom.  
----- Anais Nin -----**

**American Author**

**Far better is it to dare mighty things, to win glorious triumphs, even though checkered by failure...than to rank with those poor spirits who neither enjoy much nor suffer much, because they live in a gray twilight that knows not victory nor defeat.**

**----- Theodore Roosevelt -----**

**Only those who will risk going too far can possibly find out how far one can go.**

**----- T. S. Eliot -----**

**Take the first step in faith.  
You don't have to see the whole staircase, just take the first step.**

**----- Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. -----**

**I tell you the truth, if you have faith as small as a mustard seed, you can say to this mountain, 'Move from here to there' and it will move.**

**----- Matthew 17:20 -----**

**Obstacles are those frightful things you see  
when you take your eyes off your goals.**

**Most of the important things in the world have been accomplished by people who have kept on trying when there seemed to be no hope at all.**

**----- Dale Carnegie -----**

**"The journey of a thousand miles must begin with a single step."**

**----- Lao Tzu -----**

**Chinese Philosopher**

**"If you hear a voice within you say 'you cannot paint,'  
then by all means paint and that voice will be silenced."**

**----- Vincent Van Gogh -----**

**One hundred percent of the shots you don't take don't go in.  
----- Wayne Gretzky -----**

**I find the great thing in this world is not so much where we stand,  
as in what direction we are moving: To reach the port of heaven,  
we must sail sometimes with the wind and sometimes against it,  
but we must sail, and not drift, nor lie at anchor."  
----- Oliver Wendell Holmes, Jr. -----**

**"You must do the thing you think you cannot do."  
----- Eleanor Roosevelt -----**

**Finish every day and be done with it.  
You have done what you could.  
Some blunders and absurdities no doubt have crept in;  
forget them as soon as you can.  
Tomorrow is a new day; begin it well and serenely and  
with too high a spirit to be cumbered with your old nonsense.  
This day is all that is good and fair. It is too dear,  
with its hopes and invitations, to waste a moment on yesterdays.  
----- Ralph Waldo Emerson -----**

**Use what talent you possess:  
the woods would be very silent  
if no birds sang except those that sang best.  
----- Henry Van Dyke -----**

**The longer I live, the more I realize the impact of attitude on life.  
Attitude to me is more important than facts. It is more important than  
the past, than education, than money, than circumstances, than  
failures, than success, than what other people think or say or do. It  
is more important than appearance, gift, or skill. It will make or break  
a company...a church...a home. The remarkable thing is we have a  
choice every day regarding the attitude we will embrace for that day.  
We cannot change our past...we cannot change the fact that people  
will act in a certain way. We cannot change the inevitable. The only  
thing we can do is play on the string we have, and that is our  
attitude. I am convinced that life is 10 percent what happens to me  
and 90 percent how I react to it. And so it is with you... we are in  
charge of our attitudes.  
----- Charles Swindoll -----**

**"Keep away from people who try to belittle your ambitions.  
Small people always do that,  
but the really Great make you feel  
that you too, can become Great."  
----- Mark Twain -----**

**One ship drives east and another drives west  
With the selfsame winds that blow.  
'Tis the set of sails and not the gales  
Which tells us the way to go.  
----- Ella Wheeler Wilcox -----**

**"Whether you think you can  
or think you can't --  
you are right."  
----- Henry Ford -----**

**"Nothing in the world can take the place of persistence. Talent will  
not; nothing in the world is more common than unsuccessful men  
with talent. Genius will not; unrewarded genius is a proverb.  
Education will not; the world is full of educated derelicts.  
Persistence and determination alone are omnipotent..."  
----- Calvin Coolidge -----**

**"Each second we live is a new and unique moment of the universe, a  
moment that will never be again.**

**Do you know what you are?  
You are a marvel. You are unique.  
In all the years that have passed,  
there has never been another person like you.  
Your legs, your arms, your fingers,  
the way you move, the way you think and talk.  
You have the capacity for anything and to be anything.  
Yes, you are a marvel.  
----- Pablo Casals -----  
Spanish Cellist(1876-1973)**

**Lord, help me to understand that You ain't going to let nothing come  
my way  
that You and me together can't handle.**

**This is the beginning of a new day.  
You have been given this day to use as you will.  
You can waste it or use it for good. What you do today is important  
because you are exchanging a day of your life for it. When tomorrow  
comes, this day will be gone forever; in its place is something that  
you have left behind...let it be something good.**

**Every blade of grass has its angel that bends over it and whispers,  
'Grow, grow.'  
----- The Talmud -----**

**"When I stand before God at the end of my life, I would hope that I  
would not have a single bit of talent left, and could say, 'I used  
everything you gave me.'"  
----- Erma Bombeck -----**

**God has a plan for this world of ours  
and he has arranged things so that  
He requires our help in carrying it out,"  
"If we just take the first steps in the right direction,  
God will support us in the rest of the journey."  
----- Norman Vincent Peale -----**

**What really matters is what you do with what you have.**

**My grandfather once told me that there were two kinds of people:  
those who do the work and those who take the credit.  
He told me to try to be in the first group; there was much less  
competition.  
----- Indira Gandhi -----**

**This above all: to thine own self be true,  
And it must follow, as the night the day,  
Though canst not then be false to any man.  
----- William Shakespeare -----**

**Our imagination is the only limit  
to what we can hope to have in the future.**

----- Charles Kettering -----

You can't leave foot prints in the sands of time  
if you're sitting on your butt.  
And who wants to leave butt prints in the sands of time?

Happiness can be defined, in part at least,  
as the fruit of the desire and ability to sacrifice  
what we want now for what we want eventually.

Be patient with yourself.  
Self-growth is tender; it's holy ground.  
There's no greater investment.

Success, in my view, is the willingness  
to strive for something you really want.  
The person not reaching the top is no less  
a success than the one who achieved it,  
if they both sweated blood, sweat and tears  
and overcame obstacles and fears.  
The failure to be perfect does not mean you're not a success.  
----- Fran Tarkenton -----

Quality is not an act. It is a habit.  
----- Aristotle -----

Men who have attained things worth having in this world have  
worked while others idled, have persevered while others gave up in  
despair, and have practiced early in life the valuable habits of self-  
denial, industry, and singleness of purpose. As a result, they enjoy  
in later life the success so often erroneously attributed to good luck.

Every artist was first an amateur.  
----- Ralph Waldo Emerson -----

The reward of a thing well done is to have done it.  
----- Ralph Waldo Emerson -----

**Reading is to the mind what exercise is to the body.**

**We can do anything we want if we stick to it long enough.  
----- Helen Keller -----**

**What we hope ever to do with ease, we must learn first to do with  
diligence.  
----- Samuel Johnson -----**

**Life affords no higher pleasure than that of surmounting difficulties,  
passing from one step of success to another,  
forming new wishes, and seeing them gratified.  
He that labors in any great or laudable undertaking  
has his fatigues first supported by hope,  
and afterwards rewarded by joy... ``  
To strive with difficulties, and to conquer them,  
is the highest human felicity.  
----- Samuel Johnson -----**

**Education is not the piling on of learning,  
information, data, facts, skills, or abilities--  
One of the greatest problems of our time is that  
many are schooled but few are educated.  
----- Thomas Moore -----**

**One must learn by doing the thing,  
for though you think you know it,  
you have no certainty until you try.  
----- Aristotle -----**

**The roots of education are bitter, but the fruit is sweet.  
----- Aristotle -----**

**Excellence is an art won by training and habituation. We do not act  
rightly because we have virtue or excellence, but we rather have  
those because we have acted rightly. We are what we repeatedly do.  
Excellence, then, is not an act but a habit.  
----- Aristotle -----**

**Never let formal education get in the way of your learning.  
----- Mark Twain -----**

**If I accept you as you are, I will make you worse;  
however if I treat you as though you are  
what you are capable of becoming,  
I help you become that.  
----- Johann Wolfgang von Goethe -----**

**Success is the result of perfection, hard work,  
learning from failure, loyalty, and persistence.  
----- Colin Powell -----**

**I have learned silence from the talkative, tolerance from the  
intolerant, and kindness from the unkind; yet strange, I am  
ungrateful to those teachers.  
----- Kahlil Gibran -----**

**Now, here, you see, it takes all the running you can do,  
to keep in the same place.  
If you want to get somewhere else,  
you must run at least twice as fast as that!  
----- Lewis Carroll -----  
Through the Looking Glass**

**There are few, if any, jobs in which ability alone is sufficient.  
Needed, also, are loyalty, sincerity, enthusiasm and team play.  
----- William B. Given, Jr. -----**

**We can accomplish almost anything within our ability  
if we but think that we can!  
Every great achievement was first carefully thought out...  
Think -- but to a purpose.  
Think constructively. Think as you read.  
Think as you listen.  
Think as you travel and your eyes reveal new situations.  
Think as you work daily at your desk,  
or in the field, or while strolling.  
Think to rise and improve your place in life.  
There can be no advancement or success without serious thought.  
----- George Matthew Adams -----**

**I have nothing to offer but blood, toil, tears, and sweat.  
----- Winston Churchill -----**

**Continuous effort  
--not strength or intelligence--  
is the key to unlocking our potential.  
----- Winston Churchill -----**

**This is no time for ease and comfort.  
It is the time to dare and endure.  
----- Winston Churchill -----**

**Success is having a flair for the thing that you are doing;  
knowing that is it not enough, that you have got to have  
hard work and a certain sense of purpose.  
----- Margaret Thatcher -----**

**Just go out there and do what you've got to do.  
----- Martina Navratilova -----**

**Even if you're on the right track,  
you'll get run over if you just sit there.  
----- Will Rogers -----**

**It is a favorite belief of mine that no student  
ever attains very eminent success  
by simply doing what is required of him;  
it is the amount and excellence of what is over  
and above the required  
that determines the greatness of ultimate distinction.  
----- Charles Kendall Adams -----**

**What factors are at play, for example, when people of high IQ  
flounder and those of modest IQ do surprisingly well? I would argue  
that the difference quite often lies in the abilities called here  
emotional intelligence, which include self-control, zeal and  
persistence, and the ability to motivate oneself.  
----- Daniel P. Goleman -----**

**The three great essentials to achieve anything worth while are,  
first, hard work; second, stick-to-itiveness; third, common sense.  
----- Thomas Edison -----**

**The individual activity of one man with backbone  
will do more than a thousand men with a mere wishbone.  
----- William J.H. Boetcker -----**

**You've got to take initiative and play your game...  
confidence makes the difference.  
----- Chris Evert -----**

**A threefold cord is not easily broken.  
----- King Solomon -----  
Ecclesiastes 4:12**

**There is no Fate that plans men's lives.  
Whatever comes to us, good or bad,  
is usually the result of our own action or lack of action.  
----- Herbert N. Casson -----**

**Values are important.  
You understand that life cannot be lived with casual commitments  
and shallow creeds.  
You understand that no one can be neutral between right and wrong,  
tyranny and freedom, cynicism and honor.  
And you know that the greatest victories are sometimes won  
on the private battlefields of conscience. “  
----- President Geroge W. Bush -----  
Remarks at 2001 commencement ceremonies at the Naval Academy**

**If I could send something with the incoming Plebes,  
I would offer  
A sense of humor...  
Humility...  
A sense of purpose...  
A readiness for friendship & fellowship...  
Commitment to service...  
Be readiness to give as good as you get...  
----- Bill Winney -----  
Capt, USN '72**

**There are many things that will happen to new Plebes  
that will go down easier if one has the ability  
to step back and laugh at oneself and with others.**

**----- Bill Winney -----  
Capt, USN '72**

**Many new Plebes were key leaders  
in their high school or other organizations,  
many will become followers here and not like it,  
humility helps.**

**The opportunity to lead will come again.**

**----- Bill Winney -----  
Capt, USN '72**

**The goal is to become a Naval Officer.  
This is no small thing and will require hard work  
and swallowing things that former peers  
wouldn't begin to understand,  
but then we all train for combat and  
those same peers will be glad  
these young men and women go first.**

**----- Bill Winney -----  
Capt, USN '72**

**Friendship & Fellowship will get one through  
when the chips are down.  
Bonds formed at USNA will last.  
The ability to make friends will stand one in good stead  
through the tough tours of duty in a career.**

**----- Bill Winney -----  
Capt, USN '72**

**The enlisted men and women of the Navy  
are as good as their leaders.  
These Plebes will become their leaders  
and are very important to the Navy and the Nation.  
Readiness to give as good as you get is important.  
When the upper-class shovels something your way be ready,  
when the appropriate opportunity presents, to shovel it right back...  
humorously and respectfully,  
but nevertheless heave with that shovel!**

**----- Bill Winney -----**

**Capt, USN '72**

**What lies behind us and what lies before us are tiny matters,  
compared to what lies within us.  
----- Emerson, Ralph Waldo -----**

**A word of encouragement during a failure  
is worth more than an hour of praise after success.**

**Trust in yourself.  
Your perceptions are often more accurate  
than you are willing to believe.**

**With courage, you will dare to take risks,  
have the strength to be compassionate  
and the wisdom to be humble.  
Courage is the foundation of integrity.**

**I was taught that the way of progress is neither swift nor easy.  
----- Marie Curie -----**

**You must do the thing you think you cannot do.  
----- Eleanor Roosevelt -----**

**Remember no one can make you feel inferior  
without your consent.  
----- Eleanor Roosevelt -----**

**The person who removes a mountain  
begins by carrying away small stones.**

**Ah, but a man's reach should exceed his grasp,  
or what's heaven for?  
----- Robert Browning -----**

**Every oak tree started out with a nut who stood its ground.**

**You haven't failed till you quit trying.**

**Security is mostly a superstition.  
It does not exist in nature,  
nor do the children of men as a whole experience it.  
Avoiding danger is no safer in the long run  
than outright exposure.  
Life is either a daring adventure or nothing.  
----- Helen Keller -----**

**A ship in harbor is safe, but that is not what ships are built for.**

**Anyone can hold the helm when the sea is calm.**

**"When we long for life without difficulties,  
remind us that oaks grow strong in contrary winds and  
diamonds are made under pressure."**

**"Have courage for the great sorrows of life  
and patience for the small ones;  
and when you have laboriously accomplished  
your daily task, go to sleep in peace.  
God is awake."  
----- Victor Hugo -----**

**Most of the important things in the world have been accomplished  
by people who have kept on trying when there seemed to be no hope  
at all.  
----- Dale Carnegie -----**

**The problem is not that there are problems.  
The problem is expecting otherwise and  
thinking that having problems is a problem**

**The truth of the matter is that  
You ALWAYS know the right thing to do.  
The hard part is doing it.**

----- General H. Norman Schwarzkopf -----

You can complain because roses have thorns -  
of you can rejoice because thorns have roses.  
----- Ziggy -----

If you train hard, you'll not only be hard but you'll be hard to beat.  
----- Herschel Walker -----

Some people come into our lives and quickly go.  
Some people move our souls to dance.  
They awaken us to the understanding  
with the passing whisper of their wisdom.  
Some people make the sky more beautiful to gaze upon.  
They stay in our lives for awhile, leave footprints on our hearts,  
and we are never, ever the same.

Wheresoever you go, go with all your heart.  
----- Confucius -----

Imagination is intelligence having fun.

The mind is not a vessel to be filled, but a fire to be ignited.

Go confidently in the direction of your dreams!  
Live the life you've imagined.  
As you simplify your life,  
the laws of the universe will be simpler.  
----- Henry David Thoreau -----

Energy creates energy.  
It is by spending oneself that one becomes rich.  
----- Sarah Bernhardt -----

Your aspirations are your possibilities.

**The best is yet to be.  
----- Robert Browning -----**

**Always dream and shoot higher than you know how to.  
Don't bother just to be better than  
your contemporaries or predecessors.  
Try to be better than yourself.  
----- William Faulkner -----**

**We've removed the ceiling above our dreams.  
There are no more impossible dreams.  
----- Jesse Jackson -----**

**You are a child of the Universe,  
no less than the moon and the stars;  
you have a right to be here.  
And whether or not it is clear to you,  
no doubt the Universe is unfolding as it should.  
----- Max Ehrmann -----**

**I don't know what your destiny will be, but one thing I do know:  
the only ones among you who will be really happy  
are those who have sought and found how to serve.  
----- Albert Schweitzer -----**

**The purpose of life is to live a life of purpose  
----- Richard Leider -----**

**Seeing yourself as you want to be is the key to personal growth**

**If I have seen farther than others,  
it is because I was standing on the shoulders of giants.  
----- Isaac Newton -----**

**Dost thou love life?  
Then do not squander time,  
for that is the stuff life is made of.  
----- Benjamin Franklin -----**

**Success is never final.  
----- Winston Churchill -----**

**By three methods we may learn wisdom:  
First, by reflection, which is noblest;  
Second, by imitation, which is easiest;  
and third by experience, which is the bitterest.  
----- Confucius -----**

**What we obtain too cheap we esteem too little;  
it is dearness only that gives everything its value.  
----- Thomas Paine -----**

**You only live once- but if you work it right, once is enough.  
----- Joe E. Lewis -----**

**It is better to deserve an honor and not receive it,  
than to receive one, and not deserve it!  
----- Mark Twain -----**

**They Can't EAT You!  
----- Midn Lauren A Warren '04 -----**

**“Anyone who may be asked in this century  
what they did to make their life worthwhile...  
can respond with a good deal of pride and satisfaction,  
‘I served in the United States Navy.’”  
----- President John F. Kennedy -----  
Annapolis, Maryland, 1963.**