“I’m an Engineer – Not a Salesperson”
How developing sales savvy will help you get, keep and grow in your job as an engineer
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The Way It Used To Be
Tufts University Mechanical Engineering Department

Why Do People Change?
“It’s not the strongest who survive, nor the most intelligent – it’s those most adaptable to change.” Charles Darwin

• Stay flexible
• Try new things
• Think outside the box
• Don’t fear difficult moments
• Educate yourself – continuously
Growth comes from change – and so does survival!

My Early Life

It starts in school
Selling Ideas

Continues in Early Adulthood

How to get people to like you, “sell yourself”:
• Be Polite
• Be Giving
• Offer something of value

All things being equal, people do business with, and refer business to, people they know, like, and trust.

Bob Burg

The Interview Process

Each time you take the proverbial stage should be a treasured moment to perform at your best. Every day is a new interview, even if you’ve been on the job for 20 years. Each professional interaction is the opportunity to audition for something more, even if it doesn’t seem obvious.

Josh Linkner

What to Know

• Know yourself
  – Your experience
  – Your skills
• Know your industry
  – Trends
• Know the company
  – Do your research!

Not WIIFM, but WIIFT!

On the Job

• What Defines Success
  – Your skills
  – How you get along with others
  – How you can make the company better
• Professional Development
  – Take classes
  – Get involved
Promoting

• Now What
  – Manage others
  – Professional development
  – Make the company better

• Always Interviewing
  – Be on time, be prepared
  – Demonstrate professionalism, curiosity, and focus

What You May Hear

“Do what you love, the money will follow.”

“Follow your passion.”

“The only way to do great work is to love what you do.”
  - Steve Jobs

Business Lessons from a Jazz Musician

• 3. Listening to those around you is more important than what you play yourself.
• 5. Expect surprises and adversity, since jazz (and life) is about how you respond and adapt.
• 6. Know your audience.
• 8. The best leaders are those that make others sound good.
• 10. Shy musicians are starving artists.


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Thoughts for Success

“The whole point of getting things done is knowing what to leave undone.”
  - Oswald Chambers

“If you want more free time you need more discipline time.”
  - Brendon Burchard

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Tim Wentz, ASHRAE President, 2016-17

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Success

Success is never owned, it is rented, and the rent is due every day.

Rory Vaden

What do you think??

Let’s talk!!

And Now – A Bit of Engineering

Cost of Owning a Building

Major Building Impacts on Energy, Natural Resources and the Environment

Savings of Green Buildings
Why Be So Concerned about HVAC Systems?

HVAC is the “Heart and Lungs” of a Building

Don’t compromise.

What Happens to HVAC Systems as Time Passes?

Green

Gray

“Most buildings will lose up to 30% of their efficiency in the first three years of operation.”

Bill Harrison, ASHRAE Presidential Member
(Data based on Texas A&M Study)

High Performance HVAC Benefits

Innovative Engineering and Design
– Increases Life of Building Equipment
– Improves
  • System Performance
  • Indoor Air Quality (IAQ)
  • Productivity

High Performance HVAC Benefits

Innovative Engineering and Design
– Reduces (Or Maintains) First Costs
– Reduces
  • Energy Costs
  • Life Cycle Costs
  • Maintenance Costs

Technology ≠ Performance

“An inefficient system run well can perform better than an efficient system run poorly.”

- Newman
“If You’re Not Green – You’re Nuts!”

Albert Berriz, CEO, McKinley Inc., DTE/ESD Energy Conference, 2012

“If you’re not into ‘do no harm,’ if you’re not into sustainability, if you don’t care about the environment — you ought to care about 30% return on investment. This is not frou-frou. This is bottom line dollars. Our owners are thrilled about sustainability because obviously, it makes money.”

Where To Get Information - ASHRAE

- Procedures for Commercial Building Energy Audits
- Energy Conservation in Existing Buildings
- Standard Practice for Inspection and Maintenance of Commercial Building HVAC Systems
- Standard Measures of Measuring, Expressing and Comparing Building Energy Performance
- Preparation of O & M Documentation for Building Systems
- Sustainable, High-Performance O & M (2012)
- Advanced Energy Design Guides (AEDG)

Where To Get Information - Other

- USGBC: LEED-EB: O & M Guidelines
  — Based on EPA Energy Star® Portfolio Manager, ASHRAE Energy Standard 90.1, Green Operations Guide
- AIA - COTE
- IFMA Foundation: Sustainability “How-To” Guides
- EPA Energy Star
- PECI
- Rocky Mountain Institute

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So What Now?

- Use what you’re learning today – never stop learning
- Think “Outside the Box”
- Keep up-to-date
  - ASHRAE Standards, LEED Guidelines
  - BOMA/IFMA/USGBC/ASTM, etc.
  - Government Regulations
- Join professional organizations
- Get a professional certification
- Be a teacher, not just a student

You Have To Be Flexible

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