

Words of Inspiration

LETTERS FROM LEADERS

The road to success: What inspiration would you offer to young people aspiring to become our future leaders? The following words are some of those we have collected for publication in a book to be distributed at schools throughout the world. The proceeds will be donated to charity to fund scholarships for tomorrow's leaders in need of financial support as they prepare to begin their career journey.

We believe you will enjoy the following thoughts and look forward to hearing yours.

*L*ife has those special moments that, at the time, seem relatively unimportant but prove to be highly significant.

My life took a totally different direction because my mother encouraged me to rethink a little decision I made at age 14.

In the orientation session on my first day as a high school freshman in Sioux City, Iowa, I was given the opportunity to decide which extracurricular activity interested me. There was a long list of possibilities from which to choose. I signed up for tumbling (jumping on a trampoline). When I came home that day, my mother looked over the list and asked which activity I had chosen. "Tumbling," I replied. My mother looked over the list, raised her eyes, and said, "Do you want to spend much of your life jumping up and down?" I replied, "No mother." She said, "You are right, let's choose debating," and I did.

The rest of my life, I have done very little jumping and a lot of debating. Thanks mother!

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