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Luncheon Blogs

Last week we had a series of speakers come and give us advice on starting our own business and just being overall successful.

- On Monday, June 15th we had Dr. Fred Mckinney, Director of Tuck Business school at Dartmouth college & Mr. Michael Bartucca Senior Partner McGladrey: We learned from



Dr. Fred McKinney that one of the most important things that you must have in order to succeed in whatever business you choose is to have character. Your character really matters whether it's with your friends and family or with the most professional people. There are many characteristics to your character, positive ones of course, that make you who you are. Knowing that helps your company's net pay and investment but all helps manage your company much better and become more

successful quicker. We learned from Michael Bartucca is that it takes time in order for a business to grow and succeed out of a million dollar company. That's where organization, networking with a lot of connections, and skills take place with every single person in your company.



- On Tuesday, June 16th we had Jamie Bush, President of Bush & Co insurance: We learned from Mr. Jamie Bush that you won't always be the number one in your family, but with determination you can be one of the number ones in the world. Sometimes in life certain life styles can cause you to act up and be less than you're true capability. It may take a wake up call for you to realize that you're not following the best path, and that change needs to happen.

- On Wednesday, June 17th we had Ms. Jennifer Dooling, Senior Vice President Citizens



Bank: She told us four very important things

- 1) First impressions are everything.
- 2) Don't be afraid to work hard!
- 3) Never burn a bridge (Networking)
- 4) Start saving early. She gave us an article called "How Teens Can Become Millionaires" and the whole article was about how compound interest can be a millionaire's best friend. Compound interest is interest added to the principal

of a deposit or loan so that the added interest also earns interest from then on. If you put \$2,000 in a savings account and leave it there for a certain amount of time it will gain interest, and when you are ready to remove the money from the account it will be a larger amount than what you started with.

- On Thursday, June 18th we had Mr. Sam Schoelen Vice president information and

technology, Continental Resources: Mr. Schoelen taught us that the most important step to succeed is hard work and dedication. Sometimes you have to give up some things so that you can work hard and be able to provide yourself and your family with anything they need. It will pay off if you dedicate your time to really get invested in whatever you like to do. One day you will be able to say that you gave up something but you gained even more.



### Personal Blog On Sam Schoelen.

I met a man today by the name of Sam Schoelen, he is the CIO of Continental Resources. ConRes is a company that provides high technology IT solutions and support to business, government, and educational organizations. His whole speech was very interesting and educational, and I ended up taking a lot of useful information for the future out of it. Yes his job has to do with technology and business, but his whole speech was about how hard work and dedication are the most important to succeeding in life, and getting not only a job but a career. Mr. Schoelen explained that he had to basically give up his 20s, ten years of his life, so that he

can put in hard work and dedication. I'm sure a lot of us think that when we get to our twenties we just want to "live while we're young" but now he is able to provide his family and himself with anything, and that's all because he gave up his young years. Hard work means to practice and study, and also there is no "I'll do it later" because later will never come. Be a curious person and always ask yourself questions, make sure you find the answers to those questions though. We have technology everywhere, our phones, our computers, anywhere we go is connected to technology somehow. Anytime I have a question, if someone can't answer it for me, I ask Google, it's like my bestfriend. I'm not saying it's going to be easy, because it's not, you need to put time and effort into it, plus a very important factor is **AMBITION!** If you love something go out and do it, nobody will hold you back but yourself. Mr. Sam's words were *"ACT ON YOUR IDEA"* The biggest lesson he taught me personally was that I need to go above and beyond, and the best piece of advice I got from him was *"Never think anything is out of your reach, because once you do, it is."* Once you've reached your goals don't stop keep going, you have to keep bettering yourself ALWAYS! I feel like he couldn't have taught us anything better because nowadays we are so closed-minded even though we have the world at our disposal. We need to think big, and spread our wisdom with everyone. **Don't forget HARD WORK and DEDICATION are the KEY ELEMENTS to SUCCEED.**