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# MY JOURNEY TO LEADERSHIP

HOW ONE OF LIFE'S DETOURS SHAPED ME

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# THE JOURNEY BEHIND THE LESSONS

- My Story
- My Challenges
- My Motivation
- Support and the Importance of It
- Lessons Learned
- Leadership Defined



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**QUESTION :**

**WHAT DID “SUCCESS” LOOK  
LIKE FOR YOU IN THE  
BEGINNING?**



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## MY STORY – WHO AM I?

- Native of Columbia, South Carolina
- Educated within Richland School District One
- Raised by paternal grandparents
- Dedicated mother
- College graduate
- Human Resources professional
- Proud to serve in many other roles: wife, daughter, granddaughter, sister, aunt, and more

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## MY STORY - CHALLENGES I FACED

- Balancing school, career, and motherhood
- Managing emotional and mental fatigue
- Overcoming financial pressures
- Navigating self-doubt and limited personal time/self-care
- Strengthening time management and prioritization



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## MY STORY - WHAT MOTIVATED ME?

- A desire to create a “good” life
- The determination to defy the odds
- The support and encouragement of my family and others
- A commitment to my own personal growth and long-term success
- The importance of setting a positive example



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## MY STORY - LESSONS LEARNED

- Every challenge I faced shaped me to be the person and leader I am today
- I am much stronger than I think
- It was important to give myself grace
- My attitude determined my altitude
- The “wins” were not mine alone

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## THE IMPORTANCE OF SUPPORT

- Essential for growth and development
- Fosters resilience
- Prevents burnout and time management
- Provides a safety net for honest guidance and feedback



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## LEADERSHIP AND WHAT IT MEANS TO ME

- Advocating for others
- Speaking up in difficult moments
- Being honest
- Building and motivating resilience
- Making bold decisions, when necessary
- Being true to myself



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## LEADERSHIP – THINGS TO REMEMBER

- One size does NOT fit all
- Experience shapes leadership
- Perfectionism does not exist
- Humility takes you further
- Listen more than you speak
- Adaptability is essential



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# FOLLOW-UP QUESTION

WHAT DOES “SUCCESS” LOOK  
FOR YOU IN YOUR LIFE  
CURRENTLY?



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