

COLUMBIA COLLEGE CALGARY

Success

Personal, Organizational, Societal

Introduction

The word success means different things to different people at various points in their life. In large part success is an emotional outcome we feel after achieving one or more goals. A goal may be to learn to walk, ride a bike, learn a language, complete an educational program, raise children, obtain employment, or find fulfillment at work and/or in life.

As we grow up, learn from our experiences, and continue to mature, most of us hope to have the opportunity to ask what is important to us beyond food, clothing, and shelter. For example, we may ask what is our purpose in life, what will bring us fulfillment and happiness in life, or when will we feel we have achieved success in our work and personal life?

The following diagram is intended to present a picture of some of the components that may form the basic ingredients that contribute to what an individual may consider success at various points in their career and life. Part of this diagram came from a 1,200 year old Japanese concept known as IKIGAI.

This diagram is not meant to replace our current views of what we define as success, but possibly build on them. This decision is up to each of us.

This diagram may also be used to stimulate discussion as to what makes a department, organization, and even a society successful.

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