How to Write a Creed

The first step in creating a new dialogue among a group!

What is a creed?

- A motivational statement
- A statement of purpose
- A commitment to personal or group development
- A path to a better tomorrow
- A standard for success
- A common language that expresses a vision

Who should write a creed?

- Everyone could benefit from a creed
- A group creed should contain contributions from all members
- Ownership is invaluable
- Anyone who wants to be inspired and motivated to meet the challenges of daily life

Four Steps to Writing a Creed:

- Who I am or who we are
- What I/we believe
- Statement of goal(s) and desired results
- Plan of action

Step #1: Identify who you are: a person, a class, a school, or a team...

- I am …
  - Choose positive words
  - Use adjectives

*Sample:* “I am a motivated member of the class of 2016!”
Step #2  What do I/we believe?

- Life Principles
- Skills
- Talents

Sample:
“I am intelligent, creative, persistent and ready to make my place in the world.”

Step #3  Statement of Goal/s or desired results

- What are my possibilities, my dreams, or my vision?
  - Short term
  - Long term

Sample:
“My destiny is in my hands! I have the power to make my life count.”

Step #4  Plan of Action

- What will I do to make my vision happen?
  - Steps

Sample:
“I will keep moving forward into tomorrow with confidence and hard work.”
“I will respect myself and others. I will set a good example for my peers. Education is my ticket to a better tomorrow. I will succeed.”

Conclusion:  Put it all together!

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“I am a motivated member of the class of 2015!”
“I am intelligent, creative, persistent and ready to make my place in the world.”
“My destiny is in my hands! I have the power to make my life count.”
“I will keep moving forward into tomorrow with confidence and hard work.”
“I will respect myself and others. I will set a good example for my peers. Education is my ticket to a better tomorrow. I will succeed.”