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Audio Session #7

You Can't Save if You Can't Get and Hold a Good Job
Keep Investing in Yourself

Outline for session #7:

Problem:

- Career uncertainty (define problem, session #5)

Solution:

- Proactively stay employable by:
 - Adopting a mindset that welcomes and embraces change (previous session)
 - Keep investing in yourself (***this session***)

Outline for session #7:

Keep investing in yourself entails:

- Learning on the job and in life, outside of and beyond school
- Developing and leveraging *soft skills*
- Drawing on life experiences

My story...

- A career path is truly a path; often winding, often a difficult climb.
- You can control your path more than you think!
- **Trust me, it doesn't all come down to the degree you obtained, where you went to school, and what is on your resume!**

Outline for session #7:

Expect to change jobs or even careers:

- Be proactive
- View you career as a building portfolio
- Be fluid (open and willing to move (within employer or location))

Outline for session #7:

Expect to have to be your own advocate:

- Be your own brand manager
- Craft, and learn to articulate, *your message*
- Know:
 - what you are passionate about
 - your *soft* skills
 - your *generic* skill set
 - your EQ

Outline for session #7:

Understand your degree is not the be all and end all:

- Have a lifelong focus on learning
- Demonstrate to others your curiosity
- Be sure to learn on the job and in life (*after* school)
 - Find the right balance between becoming an expert and staying open/broad
 - Continuously develop skills inline with your interests
 - Push the limits of your comfort zone