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# CELEBRATING CAREER SUCCESS: REFLECT, ACHIEVE, & PLAN





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 Review Your Goals: Look at the career or education goals you set earlier this year. Which ones did you crush?

 Identify Skill Growth: Thing about new skills you gained, either technical (like using a program) or soft skills (like teamwork or punctuality. **Acknowledge Challenges Overcome:** Remember a tough situation (a difficult assignment, a tough class, or a workplace challenge) and how you successfully navigated it. This is proof of your resilience.

**Celebrate Effort, Not Just Results:** Did you show up every day? Did you dedicate time to learning? Your consistency and effort are huge wins worth celebrating!

### **LEARN FROM THE JOURNEY**

- **Reflection:** Use your experiences, even the difficult ones, as a blueprint for future success.
- Ask "Why?": For successes, ask: "What did I do right that I can repeat?" For goals you missed, ask: "What did I learn from this, and what can I change?"
- Gather Feedback: If possible, review performance evaluations, teacher comments, or informal feedback from mentors. Honest feedback is a gift for growth.
- Update Your Story: Think about how to present accomplishments to interviewers or on your resume.

## **SET YOUR SIGHTS ON THE FUTURE**



- Your Next Step: Set 1-3 new, S.M.A.R.T. (Specific Measurable, Achievable, Realistic, Time-bound) goals for the first half of the new year.
- Identify the Gap: What new skill, class, or opportunity do you need to acquire to reach those goals? *This is your action plan*.



- **Find a Mentor:** Think about someone whose career path you admire. Can you reach out for advice or mentorship?
- **Commit to Learning:** Schedule time each week for job search assistance, work readiness skills practice, or basic skills tutorials. **Never stop sharpening your tools.**

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