

### **Week 1 Journal Entries**

#### **1. Am I an entrepreneur?**

Currently I do not see myself as an entrepreneur at this moment in time. However, knowing that anyone can become an entrepreneur means that I may become one in the not-too-distant future. As for why I am not an entrepreneur at the moment, I am currently not working on an idea or business plan that addresses a problem in the world that needs to be addressed. Yet, I would possibly like to engage in entrepreneurship beyond this course or in the field of cyber security through my passion cooking and food whether that be opening up a food truck/restaurant or making cookbooks in the future

#### **2. What is success?**

Success is about bettering and or accomplishing the goals a person has set out for themselves. Success can be measured in increased financial profit, exposure and fame, or by accomplishing minor achievements that may never see the light of day but were key in building the more recognizable success. A person can achieve success through increasing productivity and efficiency to achieve optimal performance in creating a solution for the problem they are addressing while maximizing resources.

#### **3. Am I a self-starter? How well do I follow through on my ideas?**

I do view myself as a self starter in my overall life. However, I know myself best and often find myself slacking off on the goals I have best and restarting them shortly after. I often repeat the process stated previously many times until my goal is achieved. I try to follow through on my ideas by breaking them into more manageable parts while taking my time to make sure each part is achievable.

#### **4. How does ODU view entrepreneurship?**

ODU views entrepreneurship as a way of innovating in problem solving to come up with solutions to problems. Old Dominion believes that anyone can engage in entrepreneurship with the advancement of readily available technology and resources that are available in today's day and age. ODU views entrepreneurship as an interdisciplinary concept that incorporates many different disciplines to come to a solution that is sustainable and progressive, although not perfect upon release.

**5. What is my role in this ecosystem?**

Currently in this ecosystem I am a worker and consumer. I work to help solve the problems in my job environment while consuming the solutions other entrepreneurs and workers produce in the ecosystem. I currently am not an entrepreneur, yet I do possess the capabilities and resources to become one should I choose to do so. Upon leaving ODU with the set of skills I acquired I will be faced with another decision on whether to continue to be a worker or set my sights on entrepreneurship.