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Week 1 Journal

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1.   Am I an entrepreneur?

Yes, I am an entrepreneur. Back in 2020 I started my business and have used that business as a mean to support myself through the rest of my higher education. Through my business I have worked with many different clients and developed professional partnerships. Seeing the client relationships thrive as well as the growth of my business makes me not only an entrepreneur, but a successful entrepreneur.

2.   What is success?

Success is happiness to me. When I first started my business there was an overwhelming sense of happiness in me that was being produced by the success I was having. Then that pattern continued with each expansion of my business. Though when a business plan did not perform as I had hoped there was a tinge of sadness due to the plan being unsuccessful. Through that emotion though I was able to use it as motivation to get back to success. Success is happiness and happiness is important to all.

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

Yes, I am a self-starter. I always follow through with my ideas as well. I am very self-driven and very calculated when it comes to drafting ideas. I craft logical and obtainable ideas for both myself personally as well as my business. If something were to arise that would then hinder my ability to follow through with an idea, I will then revise the idea to adjust to the situation at hand.

4.   How does ODU view entrepreneurship?

ODU views entrepreneurship as a valuable skill to have and expand on. Entrepreneurship is a skill that molds to any industry and therefore is very valuable to have as a person. ODU values entrepreneurship in its students and has resources to help one learn more and grow their skills as an entrepreneur.

5.   What is my role in this ecosystem?

My role in this ecosystem is to be a leader. I am a self-driven person and I enjoy the responsibility that comes with leadership roles. I am pursuing a career in cybersecurity not only to protect information/data. Though also to be a teacher to those that do not understand the fundamentals of protecting themselves through their computer systems.