

ENROLLMENT, RETENTION, AND THE MILLENNIALS

“Deliver the right message as an organization to the right audience consistently and you will succeed in your journey to be enrollment and retention rich.”

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EMAIL (Please Print Clearly)

FIRST NAME (Please Print Clearly) LAST NAME

All information above must be completed clearly in order to add you to our powerful email resource. Thank you!

I would like to receive more information about *Tools for Schools*.

NAME (Please Print Clearly) TITLE

SCHOOL NAME

ADDRESS

CITY STATE ZIP

I am interested in talking to *Tools for Schools* about cost effective CTE marketing for our programs.

PHONE / BEST TIME TO CALL (Please Print Clearly)

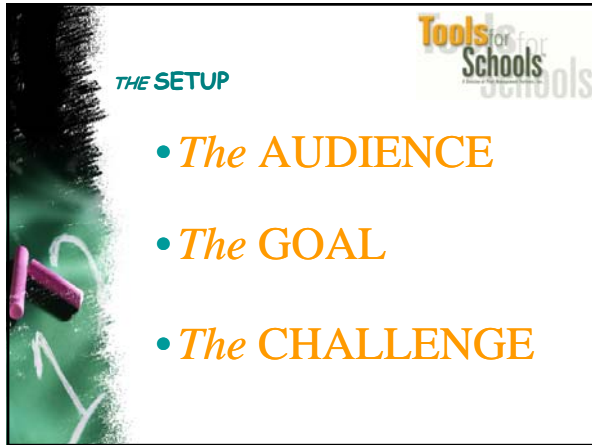


WELCOME...

**Enrollment, Retention,
and The Millennials**

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THE SETUP

- **The AUDIENCE**
- **The GOAL**
- **The CHALLENGE**



Is Your School ...

**The Best Kept
Secret In Town?**

EMBRACE ...

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New Enrollment
Teachers
Marketing Plan
Director

Everything We Do IS Marketing!

CONSISTENT PERSISTENCE

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"The Rain Effect"

DRIP DRIP DRIP
DRIP DRIP DRIP
DRIP

"No Rain... No Gain"

MARKETING

DRIPS

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- Open House
- Tour
- Presentation
- Conversation (In Person or Phone)
- Direct Mail (Letter, Post Card, Greeting Card)
- Signage (Sign, Poster, Flyer)
- Advertising (TV, Radio, Billboard, Web Banner)
- Website Visit
- Email
- Text Message



DRIPS

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ANYTHING
THAT MAKES THEM
THINK OF
YOU!




ENROLLMENT FUNNEL

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Make Each Action Step/Drip

CONNECT
BOLD
PERSONAL
FUN



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What People Remember ...

100% FEEL
50% TOLD
33% READ

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WIFM

What's In It For Me?

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MEET THE MILLENNIALS

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MILLENNIAL GENERATION

•Lost Generation	1883-1900	110+
•Greatest Generation	1901-1924	86-109
•Silent Generation	1925-1942	68-85
•Baby Boomer Generation	1943-1964	46-67
•Generation X (MTV)	1965-1978	32-45
• Generation Y (Millennial)	1979-2000	10-31
•Generation Z (I-Generation)	2001-????	0-9+

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MILLENNIAL GENERATION

• **Generation Y (Millennial)** 1979-2000 10-31

➢ Echo Boom Generation

- 71 Million Americans Born (Baby Boom 76 Million)
- Experience is Everything
- Friends = Family
- Prefer Groups to One-on-One Interaction
- Nurtured
- Unique – Special - Important
- Entitled
- Celebrate Diversity
- Rewrite the Rules
- High Expectations




MILLENNIAL GENERATION

• **Generation Y (Millennial)** 1979-2000 10-31

➢ Extremely Tech Savvy - Connected

- Internet
- MySpace
- Facebook
- Twitter
- Blogging
- Instant Messaging
- Text Messaging
- Video Games
- Unlimited Options




MILLENNIAL GENERATION

• **Generation Y (Millennial)** 1979-2000 10-31

➢ According to: 2007. Connecting to the Net Generation (7,705 Students)

- 97% Own a Computer
- 97% Downloaded Music or Media
- 49% Regularly Download Music or Media
- 94% Own a Cell Phone
- 76% Use Instant Messaging or Social Network Sites
- 66% Have a Facebook Account
- 60% Own a Portable Music Device
- 34% Use Websites as Primary News Source
- 28% Author a Blog
- 44% Read Blogs




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• **Generation Y (Millennial)** 1979-2000 10-31

➤ According to: 2007, Connecting to the Net Generation (7,705 Students)

- 58% Create Personal Content Weekly
 - Websites
 - Blogs
 - Videos
- 68% Use Cell Phone to Text Message
- 50% Prefer IM as Primary Source of Communication
- 66% Log on to IM Several Times Per Day
- 15% of IM Users are Logged in 24/7
- 37 - Average IM List Size



MILLENNIAL GENERATION

- **Twitter:** 1,444% Increase Last Year
- **Facebook:** Over 200 Million Active Users
- **Flickr:** Over 6.3 Billion Images
- **I-Tunes:** Over 100,000 Podcasts




MILLENNIAL GENERATION

• **Generation Y (Millennial)** 1979-2000 10-31

➤ Workforce Issues

- Team Oriented
- Work Well in Groups
- Good Multitaskers
- Insist on a Stimulating Job Environment
- Expect Frequent Rewards
- Work to Live **NOT** Live to Work
- Tuned into Their Own Value
- Limited Loyalty to Employer
- Boss (No) / Coach or Mentor (Yes)



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MILLENNIAL GENERATION

- **Generation Y (Millennial)** 1979-2000 10-31
- **Workforce Issues**
 - According to a survey of hiring managers and human resource executives by CareerBuilders.com
 - 85% Feel Millennials have a stronger sense of entitlement than older workers
 - **Greatest Expectations**
 - Flexible Work Schedules
 - More Vacation or Personal Time
 - Promotion Within 1-Year
 - Higher Pay



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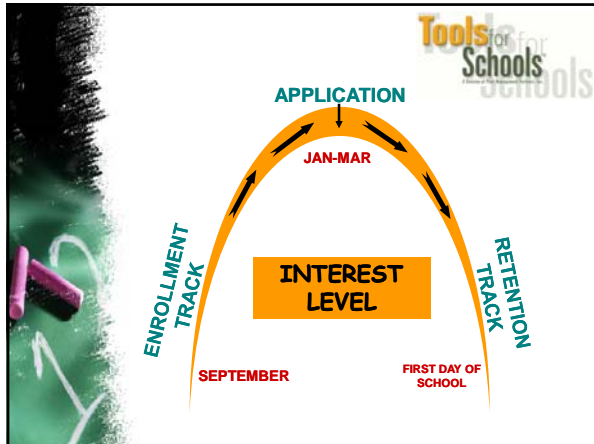
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- **Workforce Issues**
 - **Mentoring Do's**
 - Supportive Work Environment
 - Formal Structure Needed
 - Lots of Challenges – Provide Structure
 - Breakdown Goals into Steps
 - Offer Resources & Info to Meet Challenge
 - Interactive Relationships
 - High Expectations
 - Be Prepared for Demands
 - Complaints = Demands

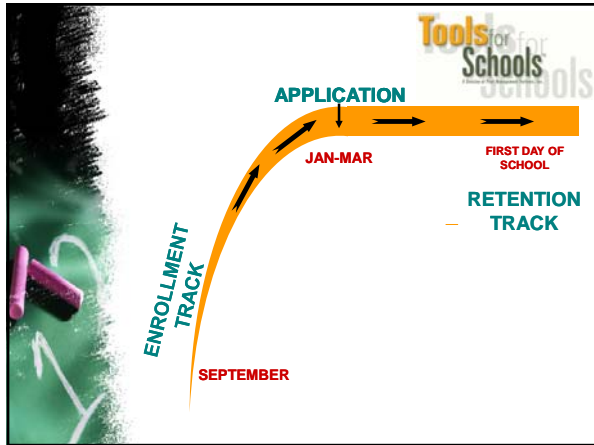


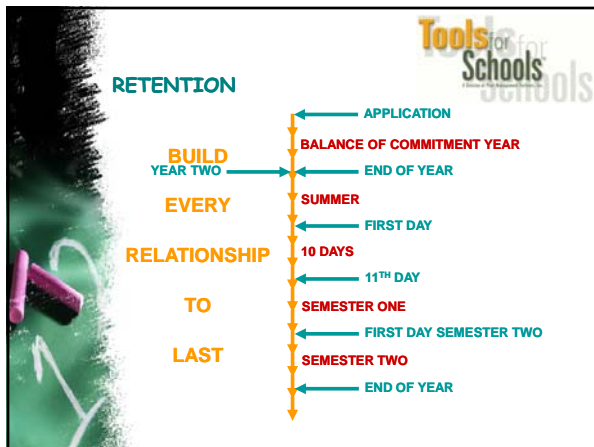
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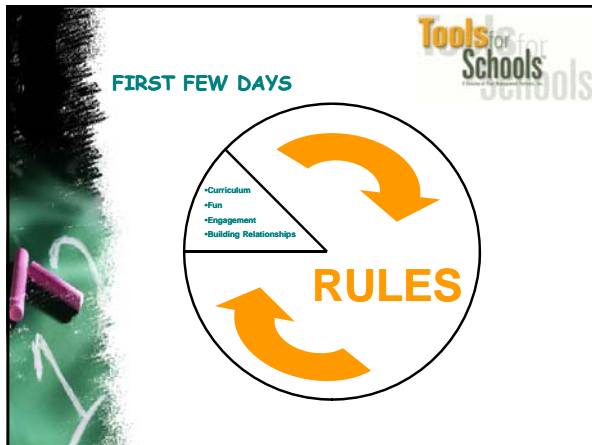


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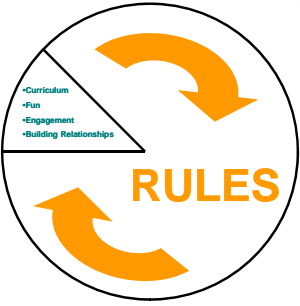
To Find and **RECRUIT** A New Student - Is 10 Times...

- ✓ Harder
- ✓ More Expensive
- ✓ Time Consuming

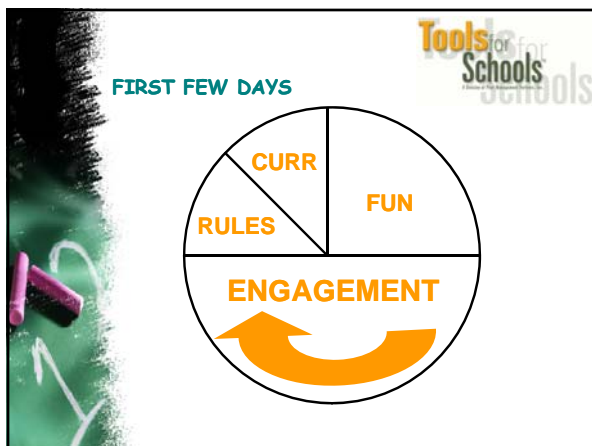
Than It Is To **RETAIN** An Existing Student!



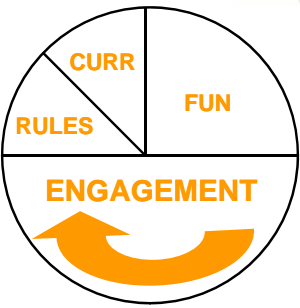
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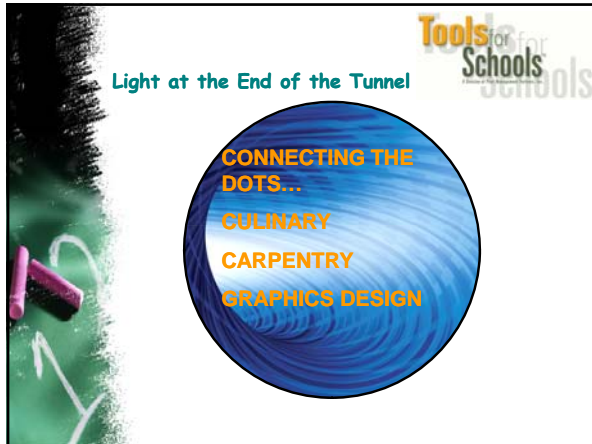
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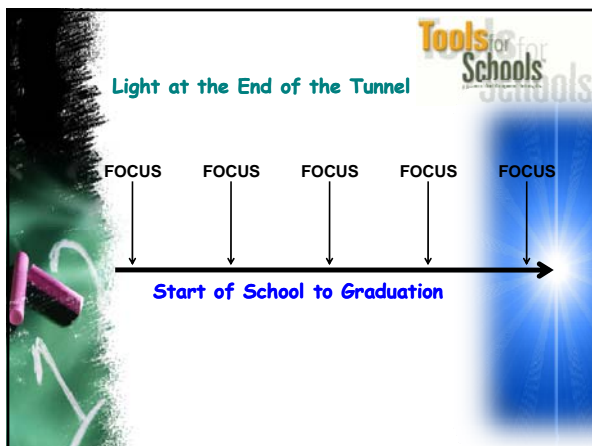
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CURRE **FUN**
RULES **ENGAGEMENT**



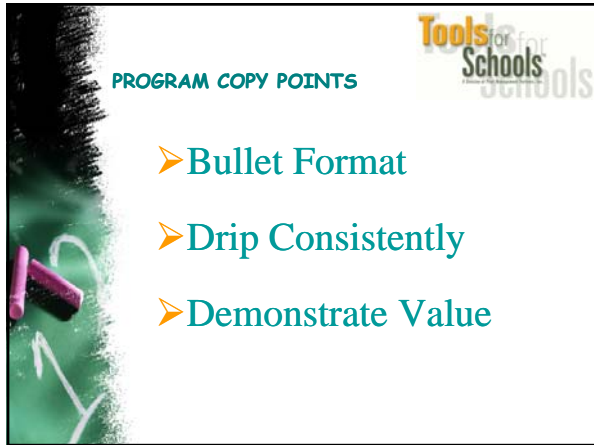






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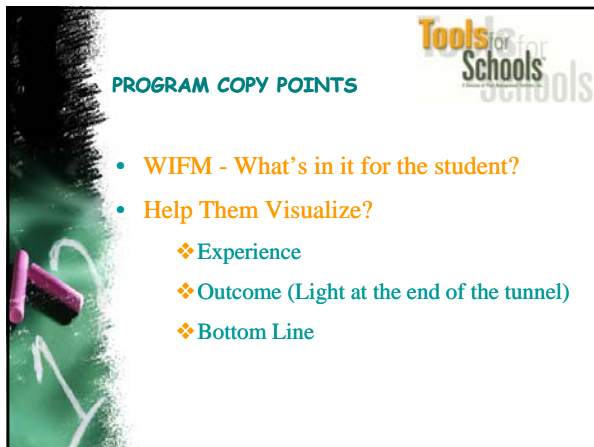
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- Bullet Format
- Drip Consistently
- Demonstrate Value



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PROGRAM COPY POINTS

- WIFM - What's in it for the student?
- Help Them Visualize?
 - ❖ Experience
 - ❖ Outcome (Light at the end of the tunnel)
 - ❖ Bottom Line



PROGRAM COPY POINTS

THE GOAL

The **RIGHT** Student...
In The **RIGHT** Program...
For the **RIGHT** Reasons!



CULINARY ARTS

- ✓ APPRENTICESHIP
- ✓ CHEF TRAINING
- ✓ SCHOLARSHIPS
- ✓ COLLEGE CREDIT
- ✓ GOURMET COOKING
- ✓ EAT WHAT YOU MAKE
- ✓ CREATIVE PRESENTATION
- ✓ LEARN CULINARY HISTORY OF FOOD
- ✓ BAKING AND PASTRY ARTS
- ✓ COMPETITIONS
- ✓ COOK SIDE BY SIDE WITH CHEFS

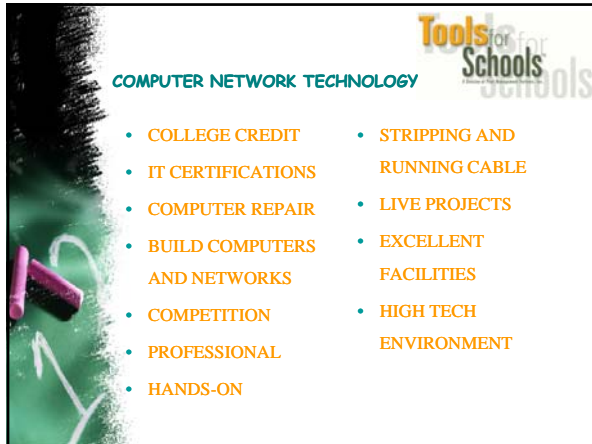


CULINARY PROGRAM

- Work side-by-side with professional chefs
- Create gourmet foods with artistic presentation
- Design cakes and pastries for upscale events

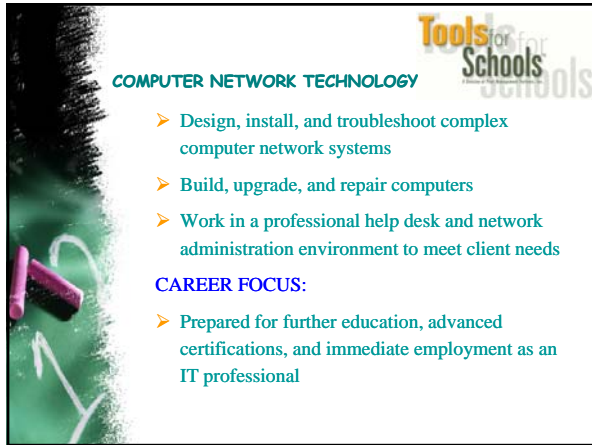
CAREER FOCUS:

- Prepared for professional culinary program, immediate employment, apprenticeship, and further education



COMPUTER NETWORK TECHNOLOGY

- COLLEGE CREDIT
- IT CERTIFICATIONS
- COMPUTER REPAIR
- BUILD COMPUTERS AND NETWORKS
- COMPETITION
- PROFESSIONAL
- HANDS-ON
- STRIPPING AND RUNNING CABLE
- LIVE PROJECTS
- EXCELLENT FACILITIES
- HIGH TECH ENVIRONMENT

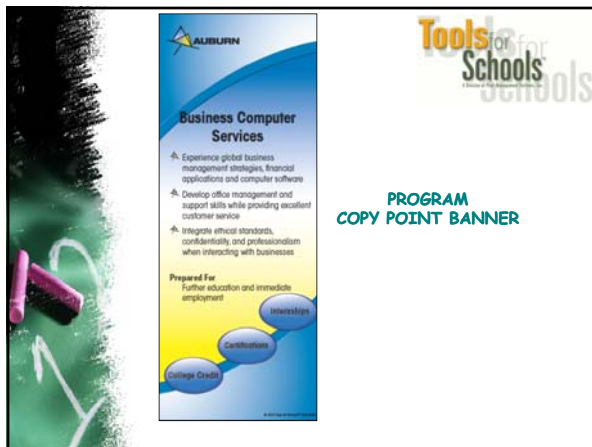



COMPUTER NETWORK TECHNOLOGY

- Design, install, and troubleshoot complex computer network systems
- Build, upgrade, and repair computers
- Work in a professional help desk and network administration environment to meet client needs

CAREER FOCUS:

- Prepared for further education, advanced certifications, and immediate employment as an IT professional

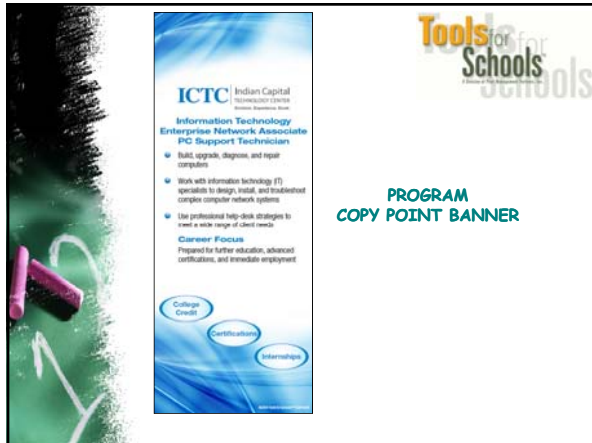




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ELECTRICITY

- Design, stage, and install commercial and residential electrical wiring for power control systems from “rough in” to “finish”
- Use logical thinking and math to interpret blue prints and layout design
- Troubleshoot analog and digital circuits for safe and efficient operation

CAREER FOCUS:

- Prepared for immediate employment with an electrical contractor, apprenticeship completion, advanced certifications, and further education




SOCIAL NETWORKING

- Facebook
- Twitter
- Flickr
- You Tube
- Ning
- MySpace

Content Management

- Communicate
- Personal
- Interactive
- Match Brand & Purpose
- Fun & Interesting



Walk-the-Walk & Talk-the-Talk


- *“What do you do?”*
- *“I work at ABC School.”*
- *“How is it going?”*
- *“Not Bad.”*
- *“What do you do there?”*
- *“I teach.”*
- *“Well ... good luck with that!”*



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Walk-the-Walk & Talk-the-Talk

- Make a Connection (Ambassador)
- 30 Second Elevator Speech
 - Simple
 - To The Point
 - Deliver Value



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Perception
IS Reality



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What if ...the
conversation
was altered?



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Walk-the-Walk & Talk-the-Talk

- *“What do you do?”*
- *“I teach XYZ at ABC school. We provide a full range of challenging career and technical education programs that engage students and help them make the most out of their high school experience. We prepare them for college, careers, or whatever their future holds.”*
- *“How is it going?”*
- *“Great! It’s rewarding making a difference in a student’s life and seeing them energized about going to school.”*



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Walk-the-Walk & Talk-the-Talk

- **Imagine that Conversation ...**
 - Every Day
 - Organization Wide
 - Many Years



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**THE WADE
FACTOR**

A CALL TO ACTION



CALL TO ACTION

- Create a Strong Message of Value
- Drip That Message Consistently
- Guard Your Image/Message
- Work Together as a Marketing Driven Organization
- Develop the WADE FACTOR
 - ✓ You
 - ✓ Team
 - ✓ Organization



Jim Lovell
Apollo 13 Commander

**“From now on we live in a world where
man has walked on the moon...
it wasn’t a miracle,
we just decided to go!”**



EVALUATION

Please Tell Us What You Think!

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