

Being a team player means stepping up to the plate

What does it really mean to be a “team player”?

Everyone has heard the expression.

And it's true that it's absolutely critical to success in the workplace. But I think there are a lot of definitions out there for being a “team player,” and it's an important concept to understand. Whether you're going to be an astronaut or a baseball player ... a CEO or a salesperson ... you'll be part of a team.

And as a *First Honors* student, people are going to count on your leadership, discipline, initiative and organization to lead them to the best results possible. What's

expected of you as a “team player”?

To me, being a team player doesn't mean biting your tongue and playing down your ideas. It doesn't mean going along with something you think could be better just to make sure the team has an easier workload. It means contributing the best of everything you have to offer toward the team's final objective – including not only technical expertise, but interpersonal skills as well.

Effective “team players” inspire others to do their best. They help delegate work to leverage individual strengths. They implement a reward mechanism to keep members motivated. A “team player” makes sure the team gets where it needs to go – through courtesy, honesty, politeness, and taking on his or her share of the burden.

In short, being a “team player” means

stepping up to the plate.

Great teams are made up of great people. At Value Financial Services, our

team is the secret to our success. How? We work really hard. We study industry best practices and lessons from business leaders. And most of all, we value our team members. We listen to each other, express our ideas, and act on the best ones no matter where

they came from – the newest team member or the CEO. That collaboration is why our team members are so valuable... and why we'd be proud to have *First Honors* students join our team.



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