

“Fall Forward” – Denzel Washington’s Inspiring Commencement Speeches

Primary Virtues / Character Traits

Determination – firmness of purpose; complete commitment to achieving a goal

Discipline: training expected to produce a specific benefit, moral, mental and / or physical improvement.

Hope: confident expectation of achieving a goal or wish; hopes are realized in building a strategy to achieve the goal and then implementing the strategy.

Perseverance: trying hard and continuously in spite of obstacles and difficulties

Resilience: the ability to recover from, or successfully adjust to change and difficulties

Secondary Virtues / Character Traits

Courage: the capacity to meet danger and difficult situations without giving way to fear; to have the courage of one’s convictions; to be willing to put one’s opinions into practice.

Generosity: giving freely of our own possessions, time and/or talent.

Gratitude: showing appreciation for the kindness of others, family, friends, education, all opportunities offered to us, life itself, health and material gifts such as food, shelter and clothing