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IF I HAD KNOWN THEN...

Pssst...can I tell you a secret?!

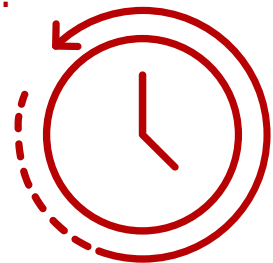
When I completed undergrad with a CompSci degree, I had no idea what I would do when I "grew up." Thankfully, I was introduced to project management early in my career. My first project made history; we implemented the first, time, attendance, and payroll system. This allowed me exposure to the project management process and interaction with all levels of stakeholders. The PM who ran the project's first phase would drop off the monthly PMI publications on my desk; she **insisted** I become a project manager.

She was right; working in technology, I had two choices: be a project team member or lead the project team. I guess you can tell the path I chose! My project management journey began long before it was "cool" to manage projects. However, if I had known then what I know now, I would have coupled my coding skills with a PMP certification before leaving undergrad. Failure would have been my friend, and I would have also honed in on transferable soft skills such as communication and servant leadership.

Career-wise, what would you have done differently if you had known then what you know now?

Your PM

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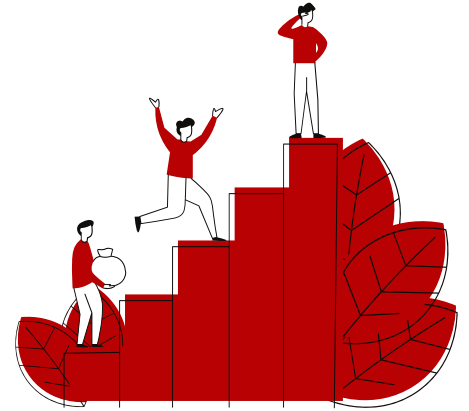
EVERY FAILURE IS A STEP TOWARD SUCCESS

Do you celebrate your failures? Not that you should be happy it occurred, but you can't define something as a failure simply because you didn't complete the goal as you initially planned.

Success and failure in life go hand and hand. Even if you don't accomplish your end goal, you will have accomplished something. I encourage you to flip the script on failure. As long as you don't give up, failure is moving you one step closer to success.

- 1. FAILURE TEACHES LESSONS THAT YOU WOULDN'T LEARN OTHERWISE.**
- 2. YOU LEARN WHAT NOT TO DO THE NEXT TIME.**
- 3. YOU CAN USE FAILURE AS MOTIVATION.**
- 4. YOU CAN USE YOUR FAILURE TO TEACH OTHERS.**
- 5. FAILURE BUILDS RESILIENCE THAT'S NECESSARY FOR SUCCESS.**
- 6. YOU CAN NOW REASSESS YOUR GOALS AND PIVOT.**

PM TIP OF THE MONTH



PM FAVORITES

DEVELOPING PM SKILLS

Check out this article on how to develop the critical skills needed to transition to a career in project management:

Big shout-out to Jamila Miller for sharing her knowledge and insight!

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