



Young Professionals Committee

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Get Involved in the Museum

By Anna Lafferre, Huntington Museum of Art

Every child is an artist. The problem is how to remain an artist once he grows up. – Pablo Picasso

As a young professional just starting to build your career, it is hard to find the time and money to dedicate to charitable causes, especially in this current economic environment. In addition it is not always easy to know what volunteer opportunities are available or how best to give of your time, talent and treasure to an organization.

For those of us who grew up in the Tri-State area, we most likely know the Huntington Museum of Art as the place we went on many school field trips or attended summer camp; others may know the Museum as the “place up on the hill.” More likely than not, however, many of us are aware the Museum exists but might not really know all that it has to offer.

The Huntington Museum of Art has been a pillar of the Tri-State Community since 1952. We have an exceptional collection, innovative exhibitions and educational programs and a landmark facility, including nature trails and West Virginia’s only plant conservatory. There are over 16,000 museums in this country, and HMA is one of only 779 awarded the prestigious national accreditation recognition for excellence. But more than that, the Museum helps the Tri-State stay competitive in the world of ideas – it serves as a dynamic cultural center where art and nature educate and inspire visitors and residents alike. The Museum serves as a center where arts from many different cultures can be appreciated, building respect between nations and teaching that people are all more alike than they are different.

The Museum also greatly impacts education and the economic climate of the Tri-State area. Through programs such as Saturday KidsArt and Museum Making Connections, HMA serves nearly 24,000 youth with creative programming in the Tri-State annually. The economic impact of the Museum on the Tri-State is astounding: the impact of the Museum and its audience expenditures supports approximately 97 full-time equivalent jobs and over \$2 million in household income. In addition, the Museum is a tourism magnet. According to the Arts & Economic Prosperity Calculator, on average, cultural tourists spend 73 percent more per trip than other tourists. (Americans for the Arts)

There are many ways to become involved in the Museum that utilize your special talents and interests – you can volunteer at the Hilltop: Books Only festival, work on the annual Museum Ball and even help advise the Museum leadership on how to better reach out to young adults. In addition, whether you consider yourself a budding Monet or the last piece of art you made involved glue and macaroni, the Museum offers something for everyone.

Our annual Museum membership starts at just \$25 a year, and the Museum appreciates every gift it receives. As active Young Professionals, we are the future of the Tri-State area, and thus, the future of the Huntington Museum of Art and all non-profits in our area. We can be found on the web at www.hmoa.org and we are also on Facebook. I hope that you will visit the Museum and experience all we have to offer the community.

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MEMBER HIGHLIGHT

Tim Ganger

Tim graduated from Dublin Coffman High School outside Columbus, OH in 2003 and from The Ohio State University in 2008 with a Bachelors degree in Mechanical Engineering and a minor in Economics. While in college, he was actively involved with the Mount Leadership Society, the American Society of Mechanical Engineers, the American Society of Heating Refrigeration and Air-Conditioning Engineers, Engineers' Council, TEXNIKOI (engineering honors society), and Leadershape. He held many leadership positions within the aforementioned groups and participated in numerous intramural sports and other activities as well.

Upon graduation, Tim was employed by Marathon Petroleum at the Catlettsburg, KY refinery as a project engineer and moved to Huntington, WV. In March 2009, he was transferred to a project in Garyville, LA and moved back to Huntington in January 2010.

In his free time, Tim enjoys playing sports, working out, and riding his motorcycle. He is involved with YPC, the American Society of Mechanical Engineers, The Ohio State University Alumni Society, and Goodwill GoodGuides currently outside of work. Tim is interested in socializing over drinks or meals with good company so contact him if interested in doing either.

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SEPTEMBER MEETING

When: Thursday, September 2nd @ noon

Where: Wesvanahwa (www.wesvanahwa.com)

825 4th Avenue, Huntington, WV

Lunch: Cost \$8 - a variety of menu items will be offered

Speaker: Tyson Compton, Cabell Convention & Visitor's Bureau

RSVP to carly@huntingtonchamber.org by Tuesday, August 31

"Developing Leaders. Building Relationships. Achieving Success."

10 Attitudes of Successful Workers

By Kate Lorenz, CareerBuilder.com Editor

Why do some people seem to reach the top of the corporate ladder easily, while others remain stuck on the middle-management rung? You might think that it is just because those people have more of what it takes to succeed, like brains, talent and powerful people in their corner. But there is something else that is just as important: attitude.

Dr. Martin Seligman, an authority on optimism, discovered that attitude was a better predictor of success than I.Q., education and most other factors. He found that positive people stay healthier, have better relationships and go further in their careers. And he even found that positive people make more money.

Anyone can adopt the right attitude. No matter where you are from or how much innate talent you have, the right attitude can make a difference in your career. Try adopting these 10 attitudes of successful workers:

1. I am in charge of my destiny.

If you spend your entire career waiting for something exciting to come to you, you will be waiting a long time. Successful professionals go out and make good things happen. So commit yourself to thinking about your career in an entirely different way. You will make it to the top, and you are in charge of making it happen.

2. Anything is possible.

Think that there is no way you will ever be at the vice-president level? Then you definitely won't. Remember: If you think you can't, you probably won't. Adopt the attitude of The Little Engine That Could -- "I think I can."

3. No task is too small to do well.

You never know when you are going to be noticed. That is one reason to take pride in your work -- all of it. One public relations executive in Chicago said that her first task in the PR department of a ballet company was reorganizing the supply closet. She tackled the project with gusto and was immediately noticed for her hard work and attention to detail. Remember this the next time you feel like slacking because you are working on a menial task.

4. Everyone is a potential key contact.

While you do need to be aggressive in the workplace, you can also go far by being nice to those around you. Do you think it's unimportant to establish a good rapport with your boss's secretary? Well, just try getting your meeting squeezed onto the schedule when you really need it. Be courteous to those around you -- you never know when your past contacts will play a role in your future.

5. I was made to do this job... and the one above me.

If you spend your days feeling like you are not cut out to do the work you are responsible for, your performance will suffer. Your job may not be the perfect fit, but successful workers act like they are in their dream job, no matter where they are.

6. It's not just what I know, but who I know.

Successful workers understand the importance of networking, both in and out of the office. You need to proactively establish professional contacts. Invite a colleague out to lunch. Go to the after-work happy hour. Join your professional association. Do your part to establish a networking path for your future.

7. What else can I do?

Since you are in charge of your destiny, it's your job to look for ways to improve your professional self. Volunteer to take on an extra project. Learn a new skill that will make you more marketable. Stay late to help your co-workers. Successful workers don't just complete the job and sign out -- they look for additional ways to make their mark.

8. Failure will help pave the way to my success.

While it seems like some people never experience setbacks, the truth is everyone fails from time to time. The difference between successful and unsuccessful people is how they deal with failure. Those who find success are the ones who learn from mistakes and move on.

9. I am my own biggest fan.

Have you been waiting for someone in the office to recognize your talents and efforts? Maybe it's time you start tooting your own horn. Step up and talk about your accomplishments and what you have done for the company. Successful workers know how to point out their achievements without sounding boastful.

10. My opportunity monitor is never turned off.

Yes, there will be days when you will want to just be happy with the status quo. But remember that successful workers are always on the lookout for opportunities to improve. Keep your eyes, ears and your mind open to new opportunities -- you never know when you will discover the one that will change the course of your career!

Welcome New Members

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Calendar of Events

Thursday, September 2 - YPC Sept Monthly Meeting - Noon at Wesvanawha

Wesvanawha is located at 825 4th Avenue. Tyson Compton of the Cabell Huntington Convention & Visitor's Bureau will be speaking. Cost of lunch is \$8 and a variety of menu choices will be offered.

Friday, September 10 - MU vs. WVU football game - 7pm at Joan C. Edwards Stadium**Saturday, September 18 - Pretera's 3rd Annual Race for Recovery 5K Run/Walk**

Pretera Foundation will be hosting the 3rd Annual Race for Recovery 5K Run/Walk Saturday, September 18, 2010, in conjunction with Huntington's ChiliFest. The Race will begin at 9:00 a.m. at the main pavilion in Ritter Park. Registration begins at 8:00 a.m. and closes at 8:30 a.m. Standard race day registration fees are \$20 for individuals and \$15 per team member of a team of 5 or more. Participants can receive a \$5 discount if they pre-register by September 10th. For more information, contact Megan Burton at megan.burton@pretera.org or (304)414-3061. Registration forms can be found online at www.pretera.org.

Friday, September 24 - "Among Friends" Wine Tasting - 5:30pm at Savannah's Restaurant

Savannah's Restaurant will be hosting **Among Friends**, an intimate wine tasting presented by Nelson Mullins Riley & Scarborough LLP. All funds raised through this wine tasting at Savannah's benefit Dress for Success® River Cities. Individual tickets are \$75 each, and half-table sponsorships, which include 5 tickets and gifts from Little Black Dress Wines to take home, are also available for \$500. Tickets are available for purchase at Julian's Market, LaFontaines Tobacco and Wine, Saad's Wine and Spirits and Dress for Success River Cities, or call (304) 522-3011 to purchase tickets by phone.

Saturday, September 25 - MU vs. Ohio football game - 7pm at Joan C. Edwards Stadium

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