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MOTTO

"Where there's a will, there's a way."

Albert Einstein

"You can never cross the ocean until you have the courage to lose sight of the shore."

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"Successful people don't fear failure but understand that it's necessary to learn and grow from."

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