

# Career Success Plan

FOR CWC

### Leveraging Technology for Career Success

#### Presenter



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Thesha Sims, Sr. Strategic Enterprise Customer Success Manager, has been with Adobe for over 13 years leading projects, managing teams, and designing solutions. For the past two years, she has advised senior leaders at higher education institutions (public and for-profit) on designing effective strategies for their online learning platforms. Focusing on sustainable practices to deliver value, she's passionate about developing leaders and leveraging good data to drive decisions. Thesha is an CWC member and has presented "Increase Your Digital Literacy" to attendees at the 2014 Newport Beach State Conference. She also conducted an all-day District II training in October 2014 titled "Technology is Your Friend." As an advocate of life-long learning, Thesha is currently working on her MBA in Leadership at Dominican University.

### Special Guest

Tanya Boone-Alva tanyaalva@gmail.com

Tanya Boone-Alva has 20+ years experience in education, technical writing, and developing best practices for both traditional and matrixed organizations. Currently she teaches Math and Art at Credo High School in Rohnert Park. Her true "North Star" is to support and improve systems by providing essential connections between departments within an organization. Leveraging her talents, she becomes the glue that strengthens and builds organizational excellence, facilitates identification of common language and systems, and develops instructional tools to drive change and maximize learning.

Agenda

North Star

Know Your 'Why'

Chart your Path

Are you Equipped?

Call To Action

"While it may seem like career mapping is most useful for the most entry-level people in the company, that's far from the truth. In fact, according to a recent LinkedIn study, 47% of American workers between 35 and 44 years old are 'career sleepwalkers,' meaning they've lost the bigger picture of how they want their careers to develop and may not have any idea of their goals. That's why career mapping is just as useful for employees in the middle (or toward the end) of their careers as it is for the greenest new hire."

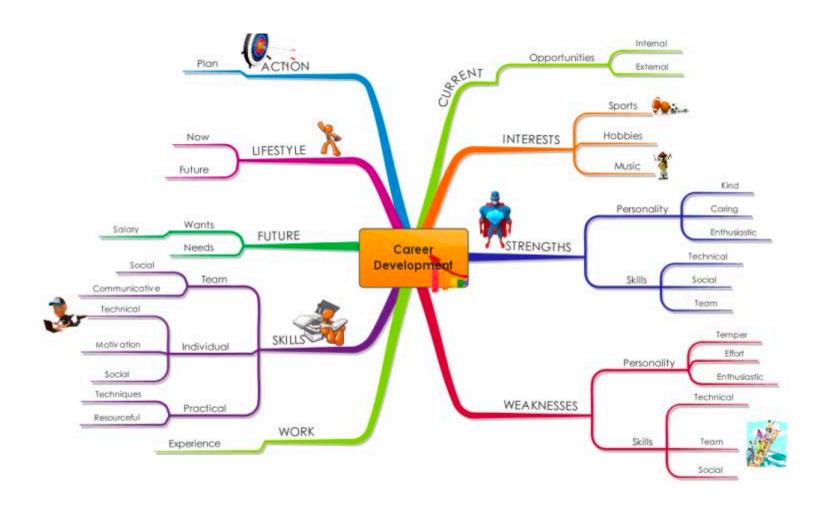
- Fuseworkforce.com

### Activity 1: SELF ASSESSMENT

What is your north star?

"I always want to stay focused on who I am, even as I'm discovering who I am."

- Alicia Keys



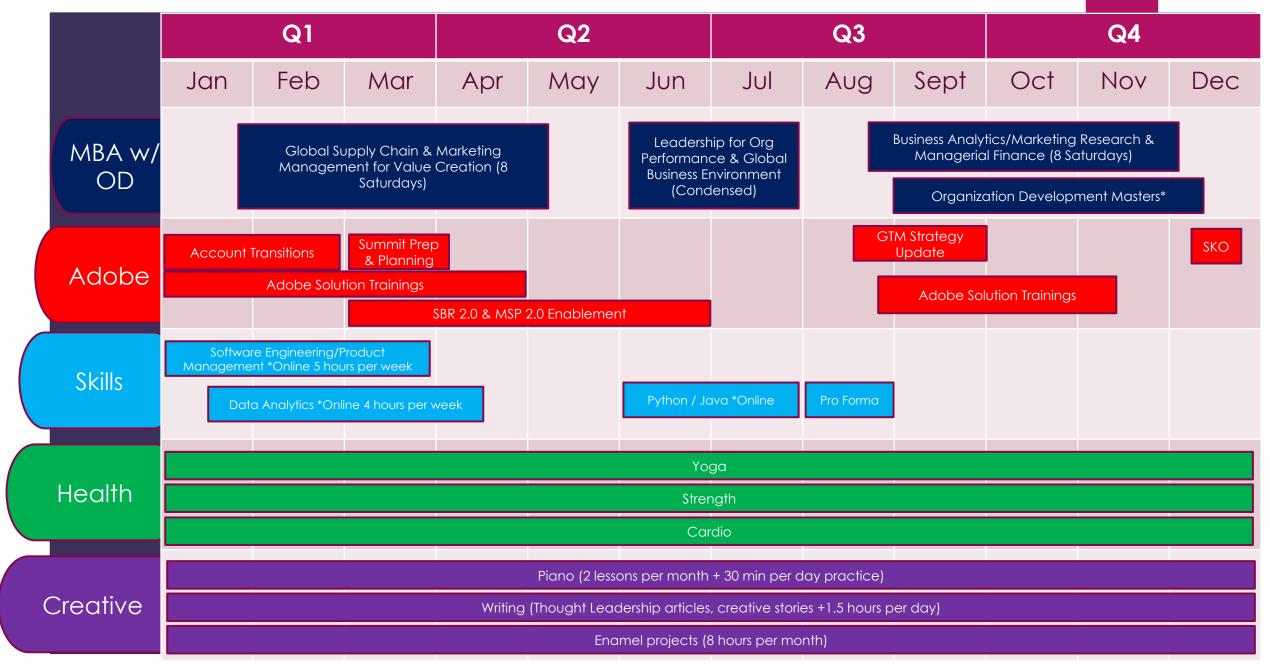
# Activity 2: Ignore expectations.

How will you focus your attention?

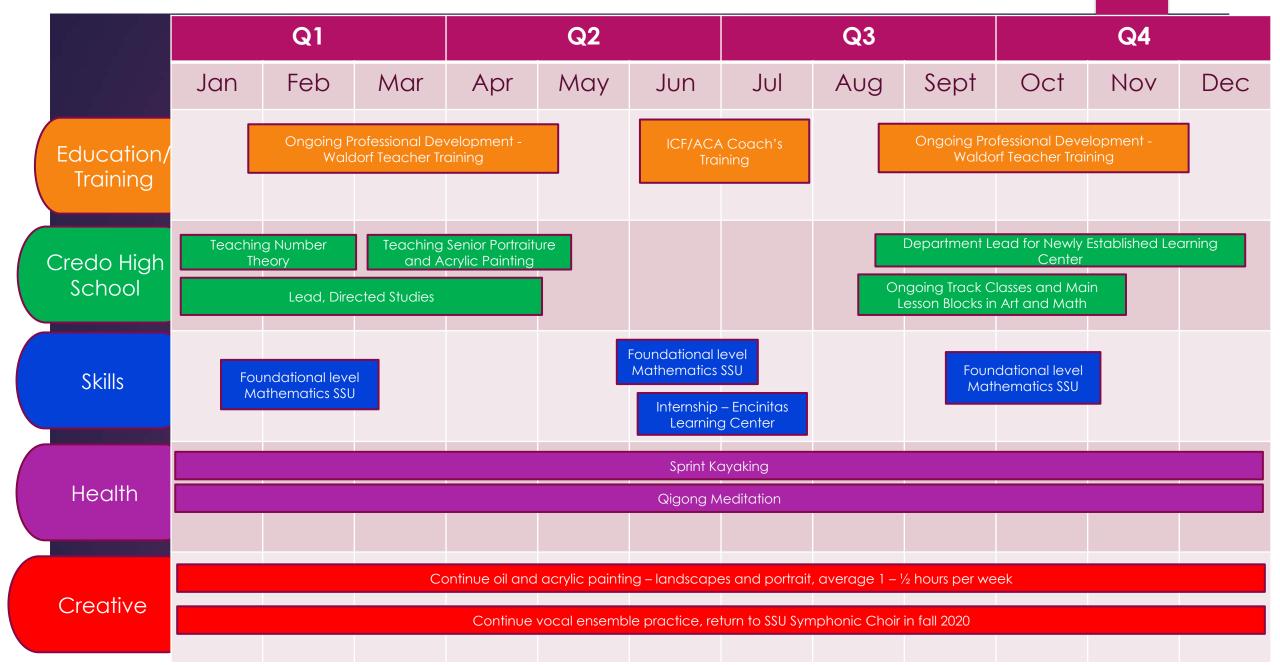
"The only skill that will be important in the 21st century is the skill of learning new skills. Everything else will become obsolete over time."

- Peter Drucker

#### Examples: Thesha's Success Plan



#### Examples: Tanya's Success Plan



### Activity 3:

How will you invest in yourself?

"It's never a waste of time or money to invest in yourself, no matter the source. True wealth begins inwards and emits its light outward into everything else, including the people you surround yourself with.

- Will.I.Am

### Skills for 2020

## Did you know that the most in-demand skills are non-technical?

Critical Public and Executive speaking decision making Executive presence making Executive presence contains and decision presence making Executive presence contains and decision contains

\*\*\*Flexibility/adaptability to change is essential in today's market

### Tech's Top Picks

Provider	Cost	Offerings	On-Demand	Certification
Harvard Manager Mentor		Articles, Case Studies,	Yes	
Coursera		Individual courses through Masters	Yes	Yes
LinkedIn	Subscription	Wide selection of Business, Technology, and Creative	Yes	Yes
General Assembly	Per Course/Program	Job specific, employment focused skills building (Technology specific)	No	Yes
Udemy	Per Course (Low Cost)	Wide selection of categories	Yes	Unknown
edX	Per Course	Professional online certificate courses	Varies	Yes
Degreed	Free to individuals	Courses, Articles, Podcasts, Videos	Yes	

"Action is the foundational key to all success."

- Pablo Picasso

# Call to Action



Define your measures of success



Schedule development & write it down



Invest in yourself

# Thank you!

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