

# M<sup>4</sup> Marilyn's Monday Morning Message

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## THE POWER OF PERSISTENCE

Thomas Edison, Oprah Winfrey, Henry Ford, Bill Gates, R. H. Macy, Warren Buffett, and numerous other renowned figures faced challenging beginnings. They successfully overcame obstacles, and the narratives of their journey to success serve as a source of inspiration. It is undeniable that persistence played a pivotal role in enabling them to navigate through distractions and impediments on their path to progress. Through unwavering determination, a vision emerged, allowing them to envision the future and actualize it through strategic goals and objectives.

However, beyond sheer determination, I posit that the success of the aforementioned individuals can also be attributed to the establishment of fruitful relationships that flourished through interactions with individuals who acknowledged, celebrated, and nurtured their drive and talent. Persistence is indeed a potent force, with significant benefits for those we engage with and uplift.

Supporting others is a fundamental aspect of leadership, and in this capacity, it is imperative that we remain approachable, share our insights and experiences, and cultivate conducive environments for others to thrive in their business endeavors, as well as in their personal and professional lives.

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## A Few Credentials (Past & Present)

Greater Richmond Business Hall of Fame; Female Executive of the Year, Style Weekly; Board of Directors, Venture Richmond; Board of Trustees, Ferrum College; Board of Trustees, (First Female Rector (Board Chair) in History of Waynesburg University; Board Member, Go Virginia; YWCA Outstanding Women's Award; Board of Trustees, Richmond Metropolitan Transportation Authority (Former Chair); Board of Directors, Richmond Ambulance Authority (Secretary); Board of Directors, Virginia 21; Board of Directors, Venture Richmond; High School Hall of Fame; Chair, Health & Human Resources Agencies to Reinvent Virginia State Government; Chair to Reimagine the State Fair of Virginia