

Heard at Huntsman

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Every week, alumni and friends visit the Huntsman School to connect directly with students about careers and life. Here are some of their words of wisdom.



We all have an obligation to educate ourselves and to be the next generation of leaders.

— Lisa Jackson, VP, Environment, Policy, and Social Initiatives at Apple



I'll continue to do it because it needs to be done. Whether it can be done or not—that's not my concern.

— Muhammad Yunus, Founder of Grameen Bank, Nobel Peace Prize Laureate



Resiliency is not something that you are born with. It's a skill that you develop through lived experiences. Resiliency is that trait or ability to bounce back. Grit is the ability to bounce back long term.

— Michelle Smith, Senior VP of Integration and Operations, Larry H. Miller Management Corporation



The leader will always have to be the servant of the people. You're going to have to be there during some difficult challenges, complex moments, people's problems, and some of the less attractive elements of life.

— Jeffrey R. Holland, Religious Leader and Educator



There's more pleasure in giving than taking. If you give you get back.

— Eddie Jaku, Holocaust Survivor, Author



I could spend my whole life worrying what other people think and never get to control that, because people are going to think whatever they want to think.

— Amy Rees Anderson, Founder and Managing Partner MediConnect Global & REES Capital



Unconditionally investing in others will actually give you a higher return than if you myopically invest just in yourself... I think in giving is a lot of receiving and any culture that wants to function and live in harmony with others needs to give as much or more.

— Sir Paul Polman, Former CEO, Unilever



Even in the deepest of trouble and chaos, there is always that silver lining of what you begin to learn about yourself.

— Kenny Imafidon, Co-Founder and Managing Director, Clearview Research



Leave fear at the back door. It doesn't serve you well.

— Kurt Larsen, Founder of Resource Management, Inc.



There will always be challenges... Life is tough and often unfair, but part of the leadership task is to recognize that and then to say, "How can I rise above it?" and "How can I make the most of the experience that I'm going to have?"

— Douglas Anderson, Dean, Jon M. Huntsman School of Business