

Address to New CAS Members Class of Fall 2009

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Objective

- For a university course
 - Aim to have the students learn 3 things
 - Not just during the semester or for final exam, but long term
 - A course consists of
 - ~40 hours of class time
 - Readings and homework assignments
 - Exams
- For this presentation
 - 10 minutes
 - No homework or exams
 - Aim is to provide one long term takeaway

What I Hope You Remember from this Presentation



Goals

- For our new Fellows
 - CAS has provided your goal for the last few years
 - Now is the time to set a new goal
- For our new Associates
 - Hope your goal is now Fellowship
 - You should soon be able set your next goal

Good and Bad News

- Good news
 - You are very likely to achieve your next goal
- Bad news
 - To achieve that goal you will make sacrifices
 - Selecting the right goal is difficult
 - Failure to select the right goal can be disastrous

Setting Goals - Not

- What the general public seems to value
 - Fame
 - Wealth
 - Executive position in an insurance company
- Suggestions from family and friends
 - They could be projecting their own goals on you
- The goal needs to fit you, not others

One Advantage of Age

- Seeing how things turned out
 - Seen the start of some journeys
 - Shared the journey with many
 - For a few, we have seen the journey end
 - Given the chance to know people's goals and their true feelings

Setting Goals

- Envision achieving goal
 - Would it be worth the sacrifices?
- Envision not attempting a goal
 - Would you be satisfied with yourself?
- Setting the right goal can be much harder than achieving the goal

Conclusion

- Congratulations to all new members
- Good luck in setting, and achieving, your next goal
- Thanks to John Kollar for allowing me to achieve one of my own goals