

The ABC's of Success in UIL

(and maybe in life as well!)

Ability—can be learned, but those with natural talent have a head start!

Belief—you gotta believe to achieve; remember to chant, “We Believe”

Commitment—students will commit to the level you are committed

Determination/drive/desire—you have to want really badly to succeed

Energy—success takes a lot of energy: physical, mental, and emotional

Fairness—play fair with your students and with your competition

Generosity—giving of yourself will result in your students returning even more!

Honesty—anything is not an option!

Integrity—is vital for coaches as role models and mentors

Joie de vivre—if you’re going to do it, you might as well be enthusiastic!

Kindness—important toward those close to you; even more so toward others

Leadership—developing team leaders can help you delegate and get more done

Memory—remember what it was like when you were learning a new skill

Networking—making friends with other coaches can multiply your knowledge

Openness—open your heart, your mind, and your life to your students

Patience—some students take longer to “own” concepts; give them time

Question—remember the 3-year old; questioning begets learning

Recruiting—seek out students; they might not seek you out due to fear of rejection

Sharing—time and knowledge are multiplied when shared with others

Teamwork—being part of a team is good practice for the “real world”

Unity—become one team with one dream (and maybe just one UIL shirt)

Veracity—habitual observance of truth in speech of statement; truthfulness

Work, Work, Work—there is no substitute or shortcut for it!

Xtra—give a little extra in all you do, and your students will follow suit

Youth—you gotta love them! And they will be in charge someday!

Zookeeping—because you’ll certainly feel like you’re in a Zoo sometimes!