Using Your Strengths to Achieve Success: Strategic

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Applying to Academics

General Academic Life

- Don't be afraid to be different. Discuss with professors the various approaches you can take to tackle an assignment.
- Participate in research, or develop your own research project.
- Search for ways to express your creative thinking.

Study Techniques

- Reflect and write down your ideas for possible solutions to problems.
- In group settings, work with others to generate new ideas or clarify your own.
- Be creative in your studying. Make up games or develop mnemonic devices and anecdotes to relate information.
- Do more than is expected. It is not difficult for you to expand on an idea, and you will learn more about the subject.

Relationships

- Seek a leadership role in a group. You see the path to success more clearly than many.
- As you seek to achieve your leadership goals, always have your followers in mind.
- Encourage friends to call on you to devise the best way to achieve their goals.

Extracurricular Activities

- Consider running for an elected office, and confidently state your ideas.

Applying to Major/Career Path

- Interview people who work in psychology, law, and consulting. Learn what they find most rewarding about their work on a daily basis.
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Apply to Job Search

In the Job Search
- Your Strategic helps you make the job search fun by using your creativity. You have several back up plans to lead you to your long-term goals.
- Search for careers that use your logic and understanding of situations to problem solve for the company or for other people. Consulting is a career area that may be energizing for you.
- Tips: Picture yourself in a career that you love. What are you doing? What path did you take to create the opportunity? Working backward from your goal is often an effective strategy for you.

Apply to Careers

In the New Position
- Your Strategic enables you to make a plan to accomplish tasks and find your place in your new company.
- Remember to be adaptable when things take you by surprise in your new position. Allow yourself to make a new plan when your current strategy no longer seems to be the best.

Tips: Making a list of pros and cons about the job can help you visualize yourself in the job. Keep your long-term goals in mind, and be sure that this job will help you reach those goals.

In the Interview
- You can highlight how you see the whole picture of a situation and then make a logical decision from the information.
- In the job interviews you excel at using situational questions to demonstrate your strategic talents. Thinking through different possible scenarios and articulating your responses will help you prepare for your interviews.