

Graduation Message from Zafar Khizer, President PC AGE



Congratulations!

You have achieved a major milestone in your life and now have a solid foundation to build your career and a successful future.

I would like to share with you my summary about what makes a good and successful life garnered after reading hundreds of books and from my personal experience. I like to summarize all important life lessons in one or two words so we can easily remember and focus on them.

Reciprocity

One of Confucius' disciples said to him: Master, I need a simple one word message that I can use to live a good life. Confucius answered, "Reciprocity" will do it. **Reciprocity**, or Mutual Benefit, is the key to all the soft skills training you will ever need to succeed at a job or life in general.

Confidence

What separates the 1% top achievers from the rest is **Confidence**. So to be among the 1% top achievers, keep planning to increase your confidence. Certifications are an excellent way to increase your confidence. A degree is probably the next best thing.

Goals

We will have a fulfilled life, a life with happiness and satisfaction if we keep setting goals and work towards achieving them. So, **Goals** is the word you need to remember to have a fulfilled life.

Time: The absolute Most Important Resource

Time is the absolute Most Important Resource in our lives. It can work for us or against us. What differentiates us all is what we choose to do with the **Time** that has been given to us as individuals.

Practical Advice for PC AGE graduates

You should plan to get certifications related to your field. Also make a goal to earn your Bachelor's and Master's degrees. If you earn your Master's degree by the age of 30. You will have 30+ years to reap the benefits of this degree.

Best Kept Secret: Our top instructors and students have completed a BS degree in IT from Western Governors University (wgu.edu) in 12 months, a Master's degree in 11 months (with a family and full-time job.) And one of our students completed his MS in Cyber Security in just 9 days. (He did get credits for three courses because of his IT certifications and was able to pass exams because of his experience.) You just need to be determined to do it and you will do it.

And finally, Carpe Diem (Embrace Life)

While planning and goal-setting are important for a fulfilled life, life is not a race or destination. Like music and dance, enjoy the journey **now**.

"There are only two burdens in life. The burden of discipline that weighs in ounces and the burden of regrets that weighs in pounds."