

Bucknell University Bucknell Digital Commons

Bucknell Believes

1-1-2011

The Magical Formula

Tara A. Wilk
taw023@bucknell.edu

Follow this and additional works at: <http://digitalcommons.bucknell.edu/believes>

Recommended Citation

Wilk, Tara A., "The Magical Formula" (2011). *Bucknell Believes*. Paper 39.
<http://digitalcommons.bucknell.edu/believes/39>

This Essay is brought to you for free and open access by Bucknell Digital Commons. It has been accepted for inclusion in Bucknell Believes by an authorized administrator of Bucknell Digital Commons. For more information, please contact dcadmin@bucknell.edu.

The Magical Formula

I BELIEVE IN the Sine Curve.

From a very small age, I looked forward to the moments I shared with my older brothers playing any game under the sun. We would play before and after school, summertime and wintertime. I felt the need to prove myself worthy to be called a competitor of my brothers. I would put everything I had for a belief that I formulated in my head, which is *if I believe I could win, I would*. It sounds corny, as if your little league coach would have said, but I was convinced beyond belief that it is the truth. Whatever the competition was, if there was even a slight moment when I forgot my goal, let the despair take over me, or doubted that I could win, then my defeat was inevitable.

So I went through life, staying true to this one principle that originated from my childhood. I strive for greatness. Yes I failed sometimes, but it led me to some unimaginable paths and undreamable accomplishments. I never thought it was anything special until I understood the magical formula. Although I want to be an engineer, the greatest thing I will take from my Calculus class will not be something mathematical. My teacher, Mr. Millard, taught us the magic of the Sine curve. He told us “it was the formula of life.” You will have ups and downs. And no up will be greater than counterpart low, and vice versa. It sounds so simple and corny as my childhood belief but I am just as convinced now as I was then about that belief.

I believe every human has the ability to reach the highest crest on the sine curve if they believe they can. The only thing holding people back is themselves. You will always get back what you put into life. The more you put into life the greater the amplitude of your sine curve will be. For me, the sine curve is the confidence to live life to the fullest. Because I know, on my lowest of the lows, there will be equal time of happiness. Then, on my highest of high, I enjoy it even more because I remember the sad, difficult times and the hard work it took to climb to that point. I believe in the Magical Formula of Life.