



Making Work, Work for You!

Thriving in Today's Economy and Tomorrow's World

with

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- **Does your job make you more interesting — or less interesting?**
- **Is your workplace a launching pad for the future . . . or a quicksand pit pulling you under?**
- **Are you making the most of the unique aspects of working on a campus?**

Dr. Patt Schwab will share the three indispensable skills you need to thrive in challenging times, support coworkers, and students through them, and renew and recharge yourself in the bargain. Her strategy works at any stage of work life: starting a career, excelling in a career or leaving one for a long, happy retirement. It will let you answer “More.” “Launching Pad.” and “Yes.” to the questions above.

You will learn how to use your campus environment and professional associations to create a platform that makes it easy to stay up to date and enthusiastic about workplace challenges and career opportunities. One whole section is related to Fostering Fun, because developing resilience, problem solving skills and teamwork, is a lot easier if you let humor do some of the heavy lifting.

Easy, useful and fun—for what more could one ask?
That's the payoff that helps **Make Work, Work for You!**

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*The trouble with our times, is that the future is not what it used to be. Philosopher Paul Valery,
If you don't like change, you're going to like irrelevance a lot less! General Eric K. Shinseki*

This program focuses on a three step strategy to help your conference attendees stay relevant in a future that's not what it used to be. To ensure its adoption, the strategy is designed to be:

- **Easy** - Most folks are already overloaded and won't add anything if it's too complicated.
- **Useful** - Management won't support it, if it's not useful.
- **Fun** - It's the personal payoff that helps make work, work for you!

Step 1 -Limber Up

- Establish an environment around you that builds your problem solving skills, enhances your creativity, and keeps you mentally limber.
- Remember: jobs come and go, but creative problem solving skills travel with you.
- Push out your comfort zone in little ways on a regular basis. It will make you more comfortable with change and more creative at resolving issues related to change.

When an error is made, the stupid blame, the conventional cluck, and the awake learn.

Step 2 - Anticipate a Changing Future

- Build an intentional learning community (iLC) to make it easier for you anticipate what's coming, know what needs to happen, and effortlessly rise to the occasion.
- Get involved with ideas and people that get you excited about the work you do—or could be doing.
- Take action on your ideas. In the words of Terry Paulson: Vision without action . . . is hallucination!

*The illiterates of the future will not be those who cannot read and write,
but those who cannot learn and relearn. Alvin Toffler*

Step 3 - Foster Fun

- Top tier workplaces let humor do some of the heavy lifting. It's ability to increase resilience, improve teamwork, and enhance creativity cannot be underestimated.
- Use Connective Humor to make others more receptive to new ideas and different points of view.
- Use humor selfishly to keep yourself resilient and enthusiastic.

You need to be serious about your work to excel. You need a sense of humor about it to survive.

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