Cornerstone International Group’s MISSION is to be the best executive recruiting group worldwide, but our VISION is to be a true mentor and coach, one-on-one, with our clients, candidates and partners locally.

We believe the way to do it is to promote our 3C VALUES of Community, Credibility, and Continuity.  We succeed when our partners have achieved Healthier Businesses and Lives.  The Cornerstone Eagle is not a sales letter to promote activities of our 70 offices globally, but a 3C tool to inspire you to maximize your personal and professional potential to be a Better Leader and a Better Person both at home and at business.

We shall be your Faithful Companion / Coach / Mentor on your life and career journey, supporting you to discover yourself and offering good advice regarding the SIX important aspects of your professional Life: Identity, Money, Career Options, Health, Relationships and Your Future (spiritual and your legacy reminders).

The Rio 2016 Olympics has been and gone.  We shall have to wait for 2020 for the next Olympic Games in Japan.  Every time, the Olympic Games see many dreams shattered, as well as many fulfilled – in various forms and ways.  For some, just making it to the Olympic Games is a dream fulfilled.  For others it may be winning the Bronze Medal, or only the Gold Medal would do.  In life, we also have our dreams.  What are yours?

We pray that these powerful wings of the Eagle shall continue to enable you to soar to new heights.

Best Wishes,

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DREAMS

A recent article I read had this to say about living out one’s dreams in life.

It is not death most people are afraid of. It is getting to the end of life, only to realize that you never truly lived.

The Challenge

There was a hospital study in the USA on 100 elderly people facing death and close to their last breath. They were asked to reflect on their life’s greatest regret. Nearly all of them said they regretted not the things they did but the things they did not do, the risks they never took, the dreams they did not pursue.

Here is a surprising fact about airplanes from a pilot. Many passengers think planes are dangerous to fly in. But he said actually it is a lot more dangerous for the plane to stay on the ground. How could that be? It is because on the ground, the plane starts to rust.

Every person was built to live out the dream they have inside. It is perhaps the saddest loss to live a life on the ground without ever taking off.

Doubts

Some of us are afraid of thieves. They come in the night to steal all of our things. There is a thief in your mind who is after your dreams. His name is Doubt. He has killed more dreams than failure ever did. He wears many disguises, and like a virus will leave you blinded, and divided.

Your Dream

What is your dream? What ignites that spark? You have got to want it with your whole heart. You will struggle to achieve it. You will fall many times. But remember, there’s no such thing as a smooth mountain.

There are sharp ridges you have to get over. Times when you get stressed and depressed. Steven Spielberg was rejected from film
school three times, but he kept going. He is now one of the greatest film makers of our time. The TV executives fired Oprah Winfrey and said she was unfit for TV but she kept going, and reaped the greatest success and respect in her own chat show. Critics told Beyonce that she could not sing and she went through depression. But she kept going.

Struggles and criticisms are prerequisites for greatness. That is the law of this universe and no one escapes it because pain is part of life -- but you can choose what type: either the pain on the road to success or the pain of being haunted by regret.

Make Your Dreams Come True

We have been given a gift that we call Life. Don’t blow it. You are not defined by your past, instead you were born anew in each moment. So own it now.

Sometimes you’ve got to leap, and grow your wings on the way down. You had better get the shot off before the clock runs out. There is no over-time in life, no do-over.

What invention have you got that is buried in your mind? What idea? What cure? What skill do you have inside to bring out to this universe?

Uni means one, verse means song. You have a part to play in this song. Grab that microphone and be brave. Sing your heart out on life’s stage. You cannot go back and make a brand new beginning. But you can start now and make a brand new ending.

Author unknown.

REALITY AFTER THE OLYMPIC DREAMS
It is a reality that after attaining the Olympic Dream through hard work, relentless training, perseverance, injuries, commitment and dedication, the Olympian life span is a short one. Many face the reality of unemployment, and sometimes even poverty and the associated ills after retiring.

As countries and societies, we have a responsibility towards our Olympic athletes after their representing and often bringing glory and honour to our country. What better way than for companies to take the lead as in the following example, and giving the Olympians a new life after retiring.

**VISA is hiring**

VISA is hiring Olympians to work in the office. The requirements: 1) Bachelor’s degree 2) Being an Olympian. It was announced that Visa has launched a career program for former Olympic athletes who are looking to move beyond sports. It is offering them placements in their offices in the San Francisco Bay Area.

The program is open to athletes who have competed at the Olympics or Paralympics within the last six years. That period covers two summer games, London 2012 and Rio 2016, and two winter games, Vancouver 2010 and Sochi 2014.

The successful applicants will do two six-month rotations with various departments across the company, including marketing, sponsorship, product and sales. Visa, one of the official sponsors of the Olympic Games said it does not have a specific number of open positions.

“Olympic athletes have enormous potential to be tomorrow’s business leaders – they’re dedicated, hard-working, high-level performers and role models to many”, said Kate Johnson, Visa’s President of Global Sponsorship Marketing. She herself is an Olympic silver medalist at the Athens 2004 Olympic Games in the women’s eight rowing competition.

“When I think about the values and tools I gained as an Olympic athlete, I draw on those daily in my career here at Visa,” she said.

Research shows many athletes struggle with a transition from sports to other careers. They spend years
focusing on training and organizing their lives around competition, many under the constant watch of their coaching teams.

Even if they achieve success, many athletes will need to find a different career path for themselves after retirement. Only the top few in the best-known sports can afford to rely on sponsorship money after retirement.

**From the Bible:**

**Psalm 20:4**
“May he give you the desire of your heart and make all your plans succeed.”

**Philippians 4:13**
“I can do all this through him who gives me strength.”

**Jeremiah 17:7**
“But blessed is the one who trusts in the Lord, whose confidence is in him.”

**Proverbs 19:21**
“Many are the plans in a person’s heart, but it is the Lord’s purpose that prevails.”

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