

To the Future:

This assignment is a bit odd. I can think of no better way to answer than to give a brief chronology of how my life came about.

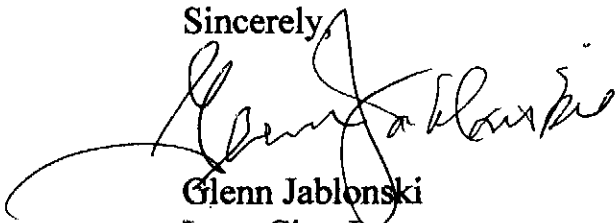
I was born in 1917 on a forty acre farm in Michigan. The year was 1935; the heart of the great depression. I had graduated from high school that year and had been offered a part time scholarship to a small college in Illinois. I knew I did not want to stay at home.

I accepted the scholarship and the waiter job they offered for my board and packed my bag and my beat-up trumpet and ended up in Bloomington, IL for the next 5 years. At the end of my college career, I had learned some things. Suggestions:

1. Master the fundamentals! This was important in my career as a choral music director at City High in Iowa City for 29 years and it is basic to any field a young person enters.
2. Short Cuts: in my experience, they probably do not exist. They have all been thought of by someone before you.
3. The boss may not always be right but the boss is still the boss.
4. Believe in yourself. This is particularly important before you take a stand. There are many stands yet to be taken.
5. Consciously develop your communicative skills. They are necessary in any field you enter.
6. Success is possible; only you can achieve it for yourself.
7. Don't spend more money than you earn. Credit cards can be a blessing but also a curse.
8. ABOVE ALL—Read the comics every day. Some political cartoons are great, too. We need to laugh!

It's a good world with many rewards. Good luck and God Bless!

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Glenn Jablonski". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a long horizontal flourish extending to the left.

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