ACT GOAL OF THE MONTH: PERSEVERANCE

"Success is no accident. It is hard work, perseverance, learning, studying, sacrifice and most of all, love of what you are doing or learning to do." --Pele

"Permanence, perseverance and persistence in spite of all obstacles, discouragements, and impossibilities: It is this, that in all things distinguishes the strong soul from the weak." --Thomas Carlyle

"I do not think that there is any other quality so essential to success of any kind as the quality of perseverance. It overcomes almost everything, even nature." --John D. Rockefeller

"Life is not easy for any of us. But what of that? We must have perseverance and above all confidence in ourselves. We must believe that we are gifted for something and that this thing must be attained." --Marie Curie

"Perseverance is a great element of success. If you only knock long enough and loud enough at the gate, you are sure to wake up somebody." --Henry Wadsworth Longfellow

According to the Merriam-Webster Dictionary, perseverance is "the quality that allows someone to continue trying to do something even though it is difficult." In other words, to persevere is to never give up. Keep working hard and trying your best in spite of tough circumstances. Perseverance helps make people stronger, and develops character.

How have you persevered throughout your life? How have you dealt with difficult circumstances? Do you rise to the occasion and work to overcome them?