

Impromptu Speaking **Junior Peque** Fifth Place

Introduction to Business Communication **Tyree Anderson** Second Place

Introduction to Business Concepts **Sophia Aquino** Twelfth Place

Introduction to FBLA **Damien Gearhart** Fifth Place

Introduction to FBLA **Jordan Jose** Twelfth Place

Introduction to Financial Math **Patrick Lance** Ninth Place

Introduction to Information Technology **Austin Brinker** Third Place

Introduction to Information Technology **Mohamed Fofana** Ninth Place

Introduction to Information Technology **Julian Santiago** Fourth Place

Introduction to Public Speaking **Brandon Scott** Fourth Place

Management Information Systems **Willoh Economou Olson** First Place

Network Design **Isaias Mora Lopez, Kevin Scott** Second Place

Organizational Leadership **Liam McGough** Twelfth Place

Organizational Leadership **Shaun VanHorn** Fifth Place

Personal Finance **Rachael Akinyemi** Sixteenth Place

Social Media Strategies **Aiden Blaser** Sixth Place Place

Sports & Entertainment Management **Cristian Francois** Tenth Place

UX Design **Christian Torres** First Place

UX Design **Ian Lang** Second Place

Visual Design **Daimmer Marte** Fourth Place

Visual Design **Alondra Gonzalez, Sonia Orr, Savonya Russell** Third Place

Word Processing **Kiley McClain** First Place

Question 1: Explain why being 'average' can be dangerous within a career.

Question 2: Someone that has above average skills brings a value proposition to an employer. In your own words, define 'value proposition' and explain why employers are seeking such individuals.

Question 3: Identify a first concrete, actionable item that you are going to challenge yourself with accomplishing in order to set yourself apart from the average. Explain how this can increase your personal value proposition.

Question 4: Identify a second concrete, actionable item that you are going to challenge yourself with accomplishing in order to set yourself apart from the average. Explain how this can increase your personal value proposition.

Question 5: Identify a third concrete, actionable item that you are going to challenge yourself with accomplishing in order to set yourself apart from the average. Explain how this can increase your

personal value proposition.

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Being average can be dangerous in a career for several reasons. One is that they can be replaced by more skilled individuals. As this article says, "The best employees always see opportunities for improvement, while average ones think they're doing well in every area." This lack of self-awareness can slow down both individuals' and the team's progress. Another reason why being average is dangerous is that "They don't take chances, even when those chances could teach them new skills. Great employees are those driven by a goal." This shows that employees tend to avoid taking risks even though it could lead to acquiring new skills, whereas great employees acknowledge mistakes and use them to grow and achieve great things.

The value proposition is the unique qualities or skills of a product, or in this case, make the employee stand out. Employers only want employees who bring value propositions, including above-average people. The reason why is that employers want people who can deliver better results and exceed expectations. Average employees have average performance, but the average isn't just enough. Employers often want to see something more. Above-average employees usually meet employers' expectations or maybe even go above.

A concrete, actionable item I could challenge myself to set apart from the average is trying to complete things before the deadline. I often procrastinate, believing I can meet the deadline. This can often leave me with no room or time to complete a task when I am actually not finished with the assignment. This shows that I am reliable and that I have good time management.

The second concrete, actionable item I could challenge myself to focus more. I am often distracted, whether by my phone, games, or unrelated interests. This reduces my productivity, and by staying on task even with distractions, I can prove that I can discipline myself and deliver higher-quality work.

The third and last thing that I can do to set myself apart from the average is to actively seek feedback on my work and see how I can improve. I often complete tasks without asking for feedback, resulting in the same mistakes and limiting my potential. By asking teachers or peers, I could actively enhance my quality of work with their suggestions. This shows that I am open to growth and ready to exceed expectations.

Sources: <https://www.theladders.com/career-advice/why-hiring-average-employees-can-be-dangerous>

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