

## Assignment 1 – Call To Action – Role Models

There are many different types of role models that hold relevance in our everyday lives. These role models can come from any walk of life, but they play an integral part in our lives because they motivate and inspire us to become who we want to be. A role model can be personal like a parent or a mentor or they can be a professional role model like an industry leader or inventor in a specific career field.

Personally, one of my role models is my grandmother. She didn't attend college, but she taught me more than what academics can teach you. She taught me how to cook like her grandmother before her, the secrets to gardening, and how to be an independent woman. She always told me to follow my dreams and she is the reason I decided to go back to college and get my degree.

Professionally, there are many role models that inspire me. From well-known industry leaders such as Alan Turing; the father of computer science (Shyamasundar, 2014), and Tim Berner-Lee; who invented the World Wide Web (Quittner, 1999), to lesser known industry leaders. One significant role model to me from the field of web design and development is Manoela Ilic or as she is more well known as Mary Lou. I chose her because she is a well-rounded designer and developer in the field of web design and development.

Mary Lou is a skilled writer and the current editor in chief at Codrops (Lou, 2016). The reason she is one of my role models is because she is immensely knowledgeable in the field of web design and development and she shares her skills with anyone who visits the website. It is because of her well written articles and tutorials, that my own skills have become more viable. Mary Lou's body of work is plentiful and amazing. Her portfolio is well developed and her designs are clean and sophisticated. I hope that one day I can accomplish the things that she has and be able to give back to the web design and development community like her.

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