

The following article is written by a junior who is a member of the Youth Leadership Academy. The author is also active in sports and school groups. A future in environmental engineering is a goal in this student's plan. The author of this article explains how we can all learn the art of juggling through persistence.

“The Great Juggling Act”

Today in our current society, people are pushed to the limits of time and expectations. People of all ages are expected to meet deadlines for activities, do the right thing, and multi-task. We live in a fast paced society that is now dependent on technology. Life is a great juggling act because our choices influence the outcome.

We can also learn from others and practice to improve our situation.

Juggling takes concentration, skill, and practice. I decided to learn how to juggle when I was twelve. My inspiration came from kids slightly older than me that enjoyed the hobby and encouraged me to try it. Little by little I was able to get the basic fundamentals and slowly build on my newfound skill. Through perseverance and the help of Youtube I was able to juggle with accuracy several months later. There is always something new to learn in the sport of juggling and I consider myself to be an amateur.

Juggling relates to everyday life because it is influenced by hectic schedules, various demands, and is often frustrating. The juggler must concentrate and keep focused or the objects tumble. Like life, one needs to make effective decisions to be successful.

With juggling if a mistake is made, a quick correction can keep the objects in the air. Likewise, in life an individual can change their actions to achieve their goal. A successful juggler is often willing to help a beginner. People are usually willing to help in life. We just have to ask for assistance because others may have more experience and wisdom.

Juggling allows a person to have a goal and achieve it. A person can fail many times juggling but as long as they work hard and stick with it, they will eventually succeed.

It takes balance and precision to toss and catch objects simultaneously in the air. After learning with juggling balls, I learned how to juggle pins. Like juggling, the more you know in life the more opportunities you can take. A person can build on their knowledge to find new roads to explore.

I like to juggle because it is challenging and fun. Life can be stubborn, but if you follow your goals and have fun, the world can seem a little bit brighter. In our society today, people tend to give up too easily. With perseverance, a strong work ethic, most people can accomplish what they dream.