

For Gladys Adams, "The Right Attitude Is Essential"

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 Sixteen years ago Gladys Adams was fresh out of high school, a superb stenographer and assuming her first responsibilities as an employee at IBM. Today Ms. Adams is in management - a result of company and employees working together.

What is the key to climbing the "ladder of success?" For Ms. Adams the right attitude is essential. "It's the drive to do your current job better than anyone else. In turn, this demonstrates your ability to accept additional responsibility," Ms. Adams commented.

If your job is not exactly what you prefer, Ms. Adams suggests that your performance should still be exceptional. "You may not be in the job you like today, but you will have to do that job well in order to go to the next step or level."

A good worker, Ms. Adams continued, is one who is flexible. "It is also important to know your strengths and weaknesses. You should be willing to spend time improving your weaknesses and building upon your strengths."

Ms. Adams gives much credit to the IBM company in terms of her management training. "IBM allowed me to grow from within. I've been on many training assignments." But at the same time she demonstrated her willingness to learn. "It all goes back to having the right attitude."

For the past six months Ms. Adams has been a Functional Manager

responsible for all administrative services for the Information Products Division in Charlotte. She often finds herself working overtime. "I want to make sure I learn every aspect of the job." Previously she was Project Manager with about one-third of the employees under her jurisdiction.

With several departments to contend with Ms. Adams finds the roughest part of her job is "Trying to please all the people all the time." Under her management, to name a few, is secretarial training; sta-

tionary supplies, document support, receptionist and secretaries, the cafeteria and more.

"The managers in each department effectively utilize employees' skills and people are usually in jobs they want," she continued.

If Ms. Adams could change one thing about her career so far it would be the completion of her degree from college. "I have attended junior-college and I intend to complete my BA. If I could do anything differently I would have finished my degree earlier

in my career. I sense that it is a rough market to compete in, yet it (not having a degree) has not been a drawback to me. But I do intend to complete my BA, probably in business management and psychology - it's a personal goal."

Born in Laytonville, Md., Ms. Adams actually wanted to become an opera singer and secretary. While working for IBM she was transferred from Virginia to Charlotte. She attends Little Rock AME Zion Church; enjoys play-

ing softball and volleyball; and has one son, Tracey.



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Girls between the ages of 13 and 18 are already signing up for the Miss America Coed Pageant. The national pageant will be held August 8-14, 1985 in Hawaii.

Before you can compete in the national competition, however, you must be a state winner. The Miss America Coed state pageant will be in Charlotte, June 14-16, 1985 at the Adam's Mark Hotel. It seems like a long way off but there are a number of things you should do now to enter the contest.

Start by writing for an application and pageant information. When writing please enclose a self-addressed stamped envelope for prompt reply. The address for information is: Miss American Coed Pageant, 3415 Brookshire Drive, Pensacola, FL 32503. If you prefer, telephone 904-432-9698.

The state winner will receive a cash award and an all-expense paid "Dream Vacation" to Honolulu for the national pageant. A talent contest (not required) will be held Friday of the pageant weekend for interested contestants. Cash awards will be presented to first, second, and third place winners in that event. Other contests include

Speech; Academic, Achievement, Volunteer Service, Swimwear, Photogenic, Personality; Miss Coed Hostess, and Miss Coed Model. (Talent, speech, and swimwear contests are not required.)

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