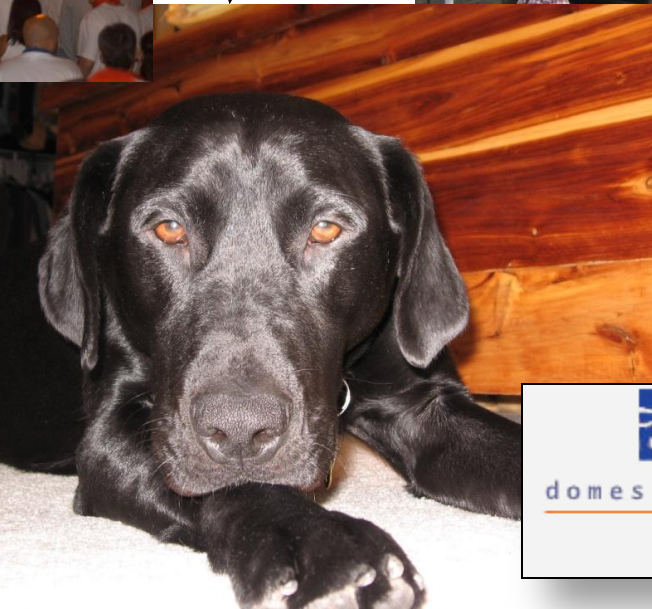
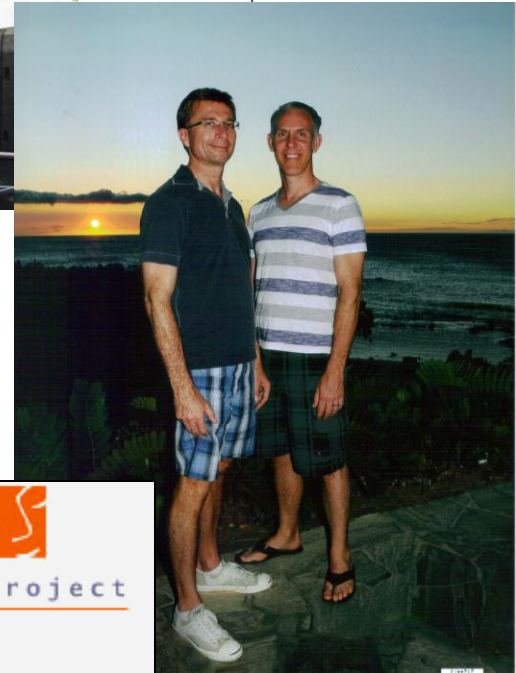




# Leading with Presence

September 19, 2014

*corner*STONE  
*Rebuilding lives, restoring hope*



# Session Objectives

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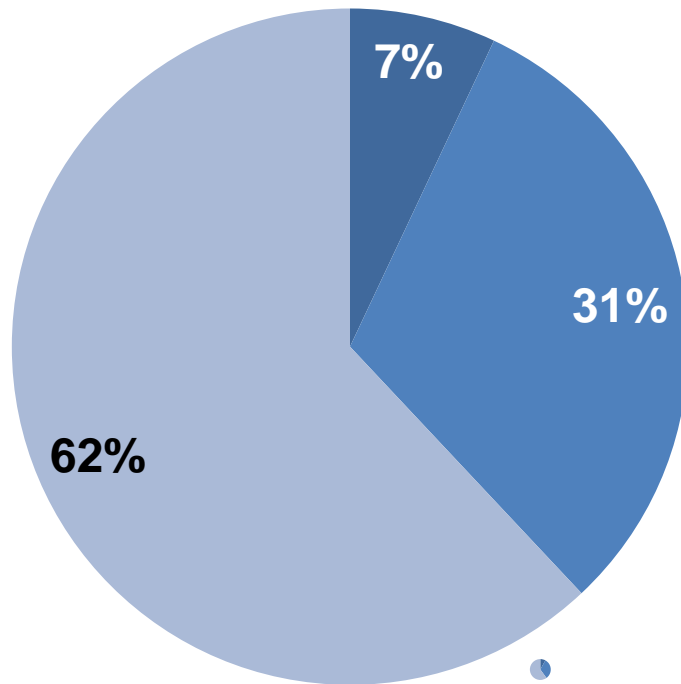
A greater understanding of:

- Why Executive Presence is important
- What Executive Presence means at General Mills
- How to authentically and successfully operate with Executive Presence
- Gender and Multicultural Differences with Executive Presence

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- Four stylized human silhouettes in orange, yellow, blue, and green, standing in a row. The silhouettes are positioned behind a semi-transparent white rectangular area that contains the text.
- 1. What does it look and feel like when someone has “Executive Presence”?**
  - 2. What does it look and feel like when someone lacks “Executive Presence”?**

# What Matters Most?

## The Most Important Aspect of Executive Presence...



- Appearance
- Communication
- Gravitas

- Surveyed 3929 US Men and Women in March 2012
- Focus Groups
- White collar occupations
- Ages 21 to 62

## Gravitas Top Picks:

1. Grace under fire
2. Decisiveness
3. Integrity

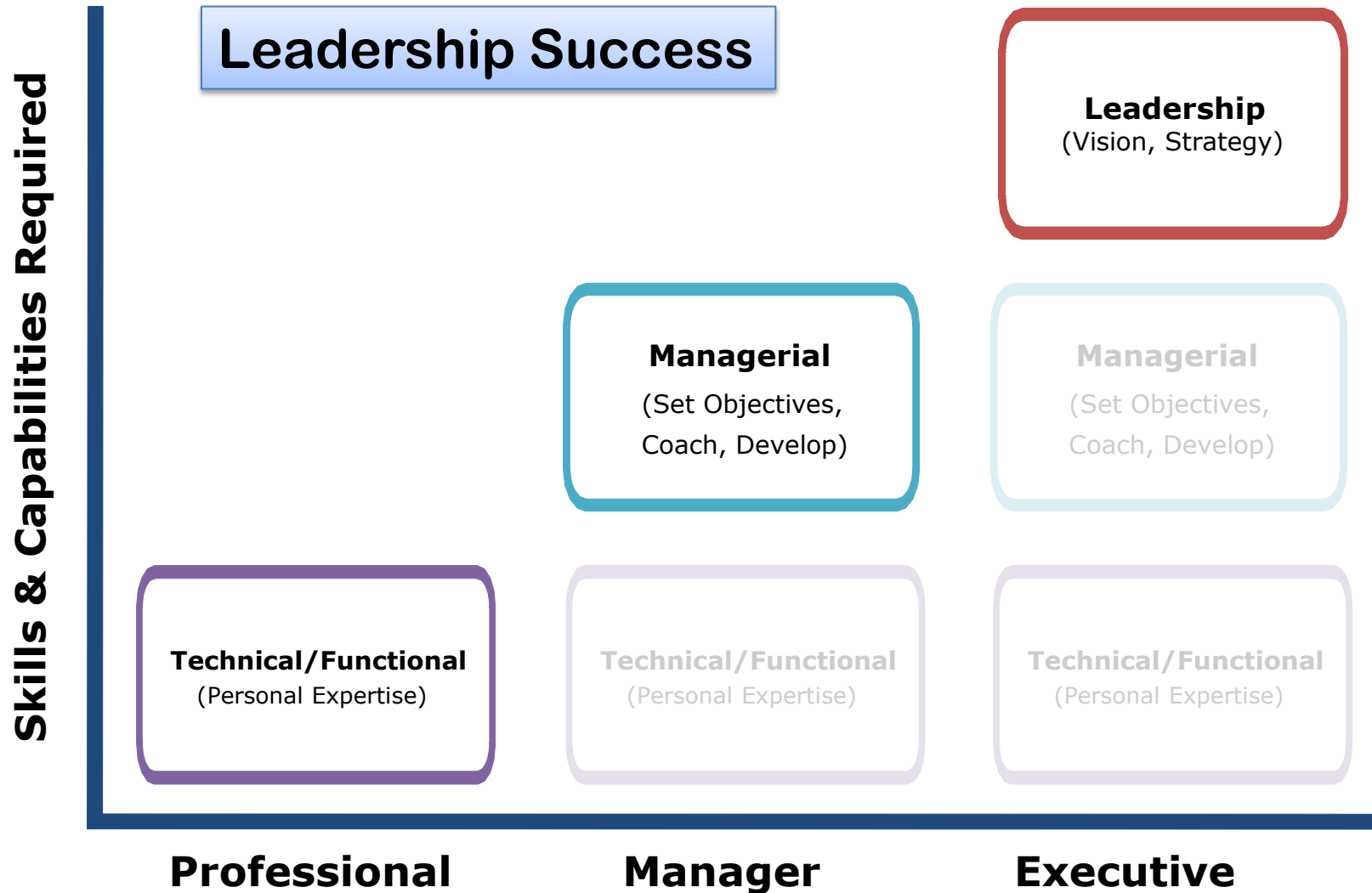
## Communications Top Picks:

1. Speaking skills
2. Ability to command a room
3. Assertiveness

## Appearance Top Picks:

1. Good grooming
2. Posture
3. Attractiveness

# Why is Executive Presence Important?



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## Avoid Derailment

### General Mills Derailment Study

#### SURFACE CAUSE



1. Lacks Org Savvy/Influence
2. Lacks Executive Presence
3. Hasn't Selected/Developed Strong Team
4. Lacks Strength in Key Skill (position-relevant)
5. Lacks Strength in Both Strategy & Execution
6. Developed Cracks in Character

Top Derailment Situations: Job Transition,  
Assuming Higher Level of Responsibility



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2. Which dimensions are opportunities for improvement?
3. How does my background, experiences, gender, multiculturalism, etc. create barriers for me achieving Executive Presence?
4. What are some best practices for overcoming these barriers and leveraging my strengths?

# Executive Presence Diversity & Inclusion Challenges

## Authenticity

Conform



Personal Identity

## Appearance

Flashy  
Too "Ethnic"  
Distracting



Stylish  
Cultural Symbols

## Command

Aggressive  
Bossy  
Intimidating



Passive  
Reserved

## Feedback

Stereotyping  
Insensitive



Polite  
Politically Correct





**Sheryl Sandberg**

Chief Operating Officer at Facebook · 1,256,621 followers

Timeline

This is one of the most powerful videos I have ever seen illustrating how when women and men do the same things, they are seen in completely different ways. Really worth watching. **Lean In** prize of the day for sure!

Congratulations to Marc Pritchard and the Pantene team and Andrew Robertson and the BBDO team.



### Pantene Philippines | #WhipIt | Labels Against Women

It's time we put an end to labels against women. Pantene believes that when you stand strong, you shine.

YOUTUBE.COM

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# How Can I Demonstrate Executive Presence?



## Executive Presence

Connect

Communicate

Command

Composure

- Be authentic
- Communicate with confidence
- Think on your feet
- Believe that you belong



## Executive Presence

Connect | Communicate | Command | Composure

1. Know your “magic” - strengths, unique talents
2. Understand how the organization operates
3. Identify ways to bring your magic given org context – observation, trusted advisors, experience

***BOTH-AND not EITHER-OR***

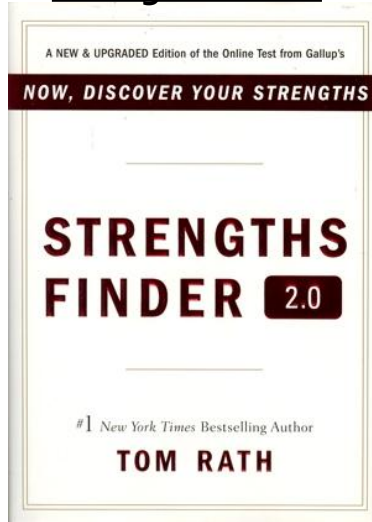
***Bring my culture to work and know the context of the organization***

4. Practice, practice, practice
5. Learn from experiences and repeat

Adapted from “Orbiting the Giant Hairball” by Gordon MacKenzie

# Know Your Strengths and Development Areas

## Strengths Finder



## Myers-Briggs

ISTJ	ISFJ	INFJ	INTJ
ISTP	ISFP	INFP	INTP
ESTP	ESFP	ENFP	ENTP
ESTJ	ESFJ	ENFJ	ENTJ

## Individual Development Plan

**INDIVIDUAL DEVELOPMENT PLAN FORM**

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

**PROFESSIONAL GOAL SMOTIVATIONS**

**TALENTS OR STRENGTHS**      **DEVELOPMENT OPPORTUNITIES**

**FOCUSED IDP OBJECTIVES AND ACTION STEPS**

## Assessments

### Hogan Leadership Forecast Series



### 360-degree Feedback



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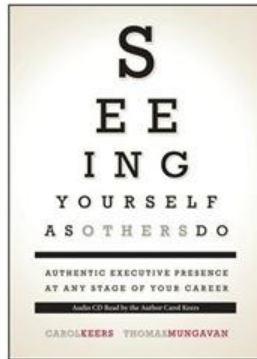


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- Understand your audience
- Prepare, prepare, prepare
- Know all of the facts...don't share them all
- Tell a story
- Listen

# Improving Skills for Communicating and Connecting



*Seeing Yourself as Others Do*

by Carol Keers and Thomas Mungavan

# Think on Your Feet



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- Have an elevator speech
- Know the storyline and key metrics
- Have a perspective
- Listen...and ask open ended questions

# Believe That You Belong



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## What is it?



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## How can I develop it?

Awareness

Acceptance

Energy

Practice

# Executive Presence Requires Balance

IQ

EQ

Intelligence

Interpersonal



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# Questions

