

The Power of Civility & Networking

In Howard White's "The Power of 'Hello' ", he claims that it is important to acknowledge people no matter who you are. The author does not state this directly or explicitly, but implies it by giving examples from his own life experiences. Howard White talks about his job position to support his thesis. To support his thesis, Howard claims that even though he holds a high position in a company with many employees, he still takes the time to greet and talk to people above and below his superiority. Howard White's essay discusses the impact of deciding to greet or not to greet other people. With his experience, greeting people had many benefits that helped him get to where he is today. I strongly agree with Howard's idea and believe that acknowledging people can lead to outcomes which can impact not only yourself but others.

In Article I of the Student Code called "Student Rights and Responsibilities" discusses how student should be able to have free discussion and expression in class. If students networked more, they would be more comfortable in sharing beliefs without having to be protected or judged. This can be very beneficial thing in the classroom. This relates to Howard's experiences because he would also network just by greeting people. For example, talking to his employees let him better understand his job position and allowed him to be connected with them.

This reading reminded me of my own life experience and how I obtained my first full time job. I would always treat my swim coach with respect and talk to him about a variety of things. Maintaining a good relationship through many years allowed me to network and find benefits. My swim coach hired me to work with him because he thought I was a good swimmer and I had great potential in helping others learn how to swim. This was a great opportunity for

me because I not only did I receive a job, but I got to impact others with my experience. This reading makes me want to continue networking to find more great opportunities that can be beneficial to my life.