



## Shakopee Mat Club 2009-2010

### Perseverance

Of all the life skills, perseverance may be the toughest to teach. Whether applied to school, wrestling or life, it is also one of the most important. A very large percentage of successful Wrestlers were mediocre or worse at a young age. All of the Mat Club Coaches fit this description, yet went on to wrestle at the collegiate level. In the sport of Wrestling, early results are not necessarily predictive of future success. Perseverance, patience, dedication, and good old fashioned hard work are. Here are some famous quotes which convey this concept more concisely:

***With ordinary talent and extraordinary perseverance, all things are attainable.*** (Buxton)

***It is not that I am so smart, it's just that I stay with problems longer.***  
(Einstein)

***A journey of 1000 miles begins with one footstep.*** (unknown)

***Problems are not stop signs, they are guidelines.*** (Schuller)

***Perseverance is the hard work you do after you get tired of doing the hard work you already did.*** (unknown)

***The greatest oak was once a tiny acorn who held its ground.*** (unknown)

***Nobody trips over mountains. It is the small rocks that cause you to stumble. Pass all the small rocks in your path and you will find you have crossed the mountain.*** (unknown)

***Many of life's failures are people who did not realize how close they were when they gave up.*** (Edison- failed 10,000 times before he made the electric light bulb)

***Don't be discouraged, it is often the last key in the bunch that opens the lock.*** (unknown)