# Quality of Life Survey Results Reveal

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"People wish to be settled; but only as far as they are unsettled, is there any hope for them."

-Ralph Waldo Emerson

### Building the Foundation Diagnose Before You Treat



### Dashboard



#### Quality of Life



Vibrant Community Assessment

### Jim Clifton, Chairman and CEO of Gallup Why do some cities thrive?

They retain those local companies that receive revenue from outside the area

They help grow and support start-ups

They have a Vibrant Downtown

\*Bonus – local college and/or university

# Each community is different but have similar challenges.

- Alignment
- They Feel Overwhelmed and Gridlocked
- Coordination with Local Government
- Change Management Skills
- Inconsistent Messaging
- Allowing Generalities
- Being too Silent

# The following help communities reach their full potential

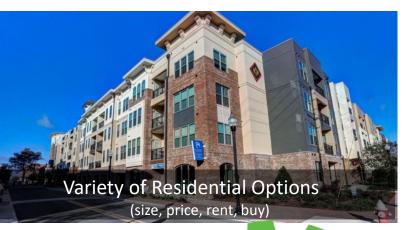
- Solid Measurement
- Creating the Burning Platform
- Building the Critical mass
- Moving Through Turbulence
- Maximizing and Connecting the Wins

















# **CivicCon Topics**

- **Public Private Partnerships**
- **Cities and Social Equity**
- Smart Investments
- **Getting Parking Right**
- **Creating Great Neighborhoods**
- **Resilient Waterfronts**
- Walkable Cities
- Market Research
- Loving Your Community
- **Diversity, Equity and Inclusion**

#### Raising the Civic IQ: CivicCo

#### Homelessness, police reform, e

CivicCon brings some of the top experts from around the nation - and someti and "what great looks like" in other communities. The goal is to encourage edu leads to positive change in our community. We sometimes refer to the impact



toward the place they live.

and the positive impact of the Quality of Life survey has measured the communities. udes and priorities of community member These speakers and topics are confi and event dates will be announced lat

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the destruction brought on by Covid. So, can a person and a community do? Over and other sources that rank past 6 months Quint has been presentir to a wide range of audiences the differ between Stress and Trauma. The presen rch 25: Tim Keane, Atlanti fits communities well. The presentation w nning Commissioner and help individuals asses their own well-beir

ner planning director at arleston, S.C., discusses importance of plans and en executing on the plans. He came to Atlanta five years aco

cities to live.

and will detail how planning during that time is already paying dividends to residents. And he vill show how plans were integral to Charlest flowering into one of the nation's most desirable

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n Portland has partnerships to provide and coordinate not nly housing for the homeless but helping with alth and job search needs. It has been touted as a national model for helping communities

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CEO and president, V. Rar Brown Consulting. He will

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community be better.

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Pensacola, Florida



### **Early Brain Development**







### **The Basics**

- Basics approach was designed and launched in Boston by the Achievement Gap Initiative at Harvard University/Dr. Ronald Ferguson.
- Families of babies, infants and toddlers (ages 0 3) sign up for free weekly text messages that suggest activities to build learning into everyday life.
- Each text message is tailored to the child's age.



WHY? Because 80% of brain growth happens in the first three years!





#### **Economic Development - Level 1**

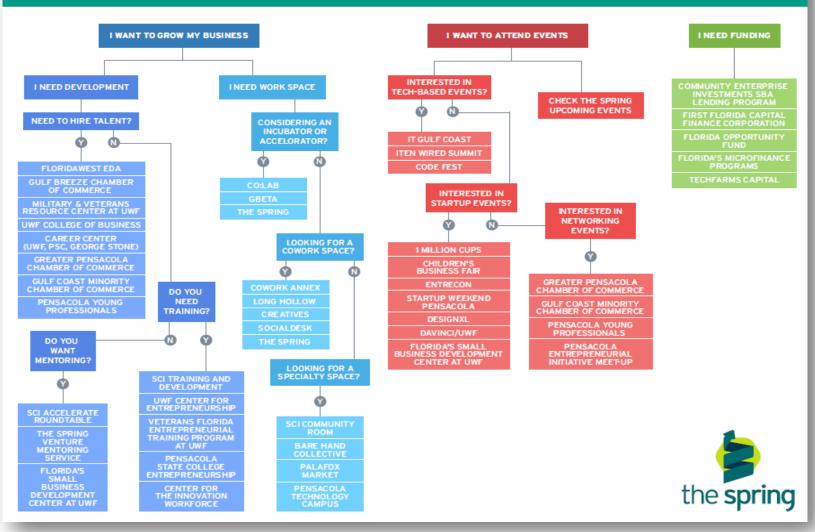
- Skill Development
- Business Challenge
- EntreCon
- Accelerate Roundtable
- Online Training



### **Economic Development - Level 2**

- Entrepreneurial
  Eco System
- Mentoring
- Asset Map

#### WHAT RESOURCES ARE AVAILABLE FOR MY BUSINESS?



# **Beloit Quality of Life Survey**

## March 1 – 13, 2022

Conducted by Mason-Dixon Polling & Strategy

### Mason-Dixon Polling & Strategy

- Mason-Dixon Polling & Strategy is an independent polling & communications consulting firm that provides public policy political polling and consulting services to news media, advocacy groups, trade associations, public and government relations and marketing professionals.
- Mason-Dixon brings clarity, focus and attention to your public policy agenda & communications efforts. They make the difference by supporting your strategic planning, messaging, outreach and earned media efforts.
- Mason-Dixon has conducted hundreds of economic development, community development, and Quality of Life surveys around the US.

### Methodology

- This poll was conducted by Mason-Dixon Polling & Strategy, Inc. of Washington, D.C. from March 1 13, 2022. A total of 625 adult residents, each of whom resides in the 53511 Zip code, which more appropriately defines the Beloit area in relation to the goals and objectives of the survey. Residents were interviewed by telephone.
- Those interviewed were selected randomly from a commercially available file of residential landline and cellular phones. The resulting sample fairly reflects the demographic profile of **53511** Zip Code.
- The margin for error, according to standards customarily used by statisticians, is no more than plus or minus 4.0 percentage points. This means that there is a 95 percent probability that the "true" figure would fall within that range if the entire population were sampled. The margin for error is higher for any subgroup, such as a gender, income or race.

### **Background and Research Objective**

- This survey was commissioned by Quint and Rishy Studer.
- The survey creates the opportunity for community dialogue, outreach and information sharing with the public, community leaders, business, and public policy makers.
- The objective of the survey is to gain an understanding of the public's awareness and attitude towards the items that relate to Quality of Life.

#### This is a baseline. Why communities do not maximize the Quality of Life data:

- Denial
- Rationalization
- Blame
- Jumping to conclusions too quickly
- Play a gotcha game

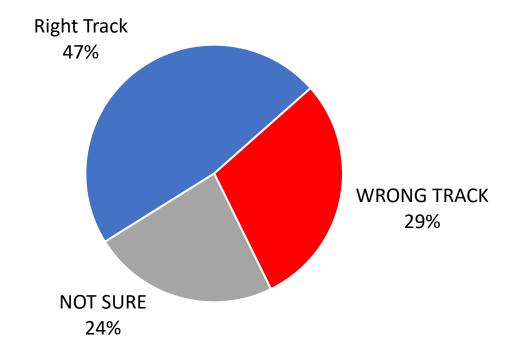
#### Demographics

#### Demographic Breakdown of the 625 QOL Survey Respondents

RESIDENCE	EMPLOYMENT			CHILD IN HOUSEHOLD	
CITY OF BELOIT	68%	FULL-TIME	51%	YES	36%
TOWN OF BELOIT	19%	PART-TIME	10%	NO	64%
TURTLE	5%	RETIRED	25%		
OTHER	7%	HOMEMAKER	9%	RACE	
		STUDENT	2%	WHITE	73%
EDUCATION		UNEMPLOYED	3%	BLACK	9%
HIGH SCHOOL	21%	OTHER	1%	HISPANIC	15%
SOME COLLEGE	29%	REFUSED	1%	ASIAN	1%
COLLEGE GRAD	30%			MIXED RACE	1%
GRAD DEGREE	19%	LENGTH OF RESIDENCE		OTHER	0%
REFUSED	1%	<5 YEARS	13%	REFUSED	1%
		5-9 YEARS	14%		
AGE		10-19 YEARS	20%	INCOME	
18-34	17%	20+ YEARS	54%	<\$25,000	11%
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35-49	30%			\$39,999	18%
		GENDER ID		\$40,000-	
50-64	29%			\$74,999	27%
65+	24%	MALE	48%	\$75,000+	27%
REFUSED	1%	FEMALE	52%	REFUSED	17%

#### Beloit: Right Track/Wrong Track

#### Do you think that things in the Beloit area are on the right track or are they on the wrong track?



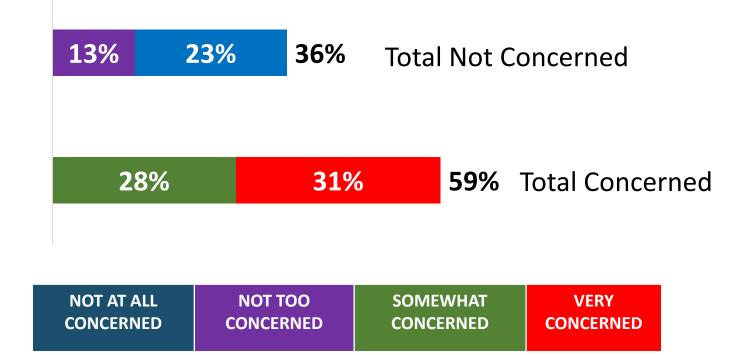
#### Most Important Issue Facing the Beloit Area

CRIME/PUBLIC SAFETY	40%
EDUCATION ISSUES	16%
ECONOMIC ISSUES	12%
HIGH COST OF LIVING	6%
POVERTY/HOMELESS	5%
HIGH TAXES	4%
DRUGS/OPIODS	3%
DOWNTOWN	2%
HEALTHCARE	1%
HOUSING	1%
SOCIAL ISSUES	1%
TRAFFIC/ROADS	1%
RACE RELATIONS	1%
OTHER	4%
NOT SURE	2%

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#### Level of Concern about Personal Job Security

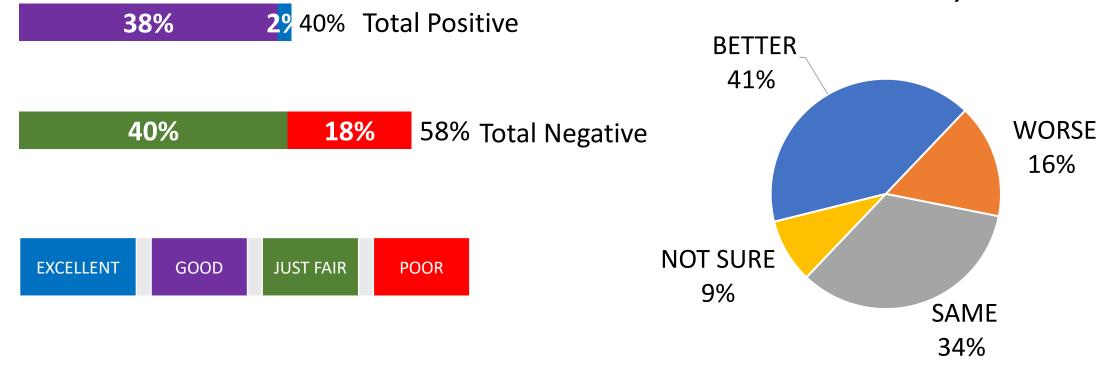
#### How concerned are you about the security and future of your own job, or the jobs of any close family members in Beloit area?



#### Rating Economic Conditions in Beloit

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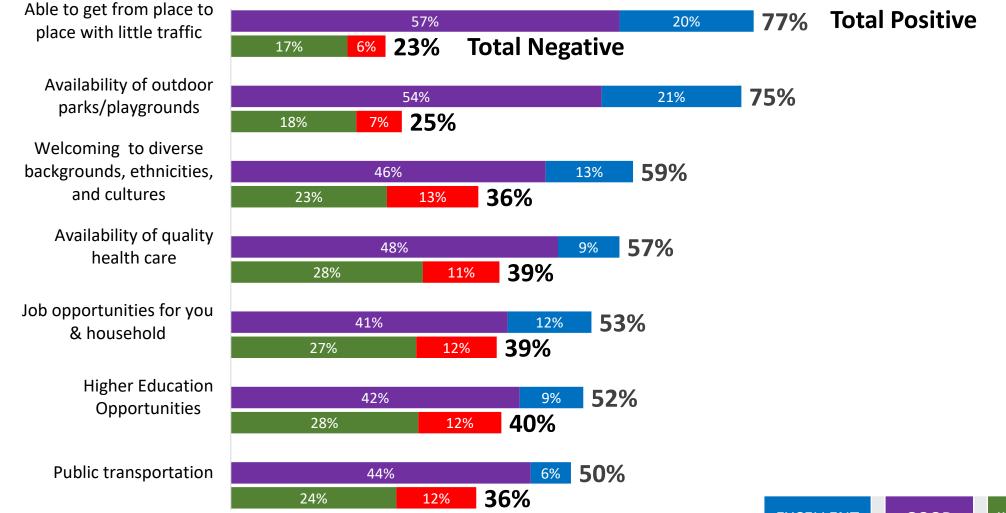
Five years from now, do you think that the economy in the Beloit area will be better off, worse off, or about the same as it is today?



#### Rating Quality of Life Factors

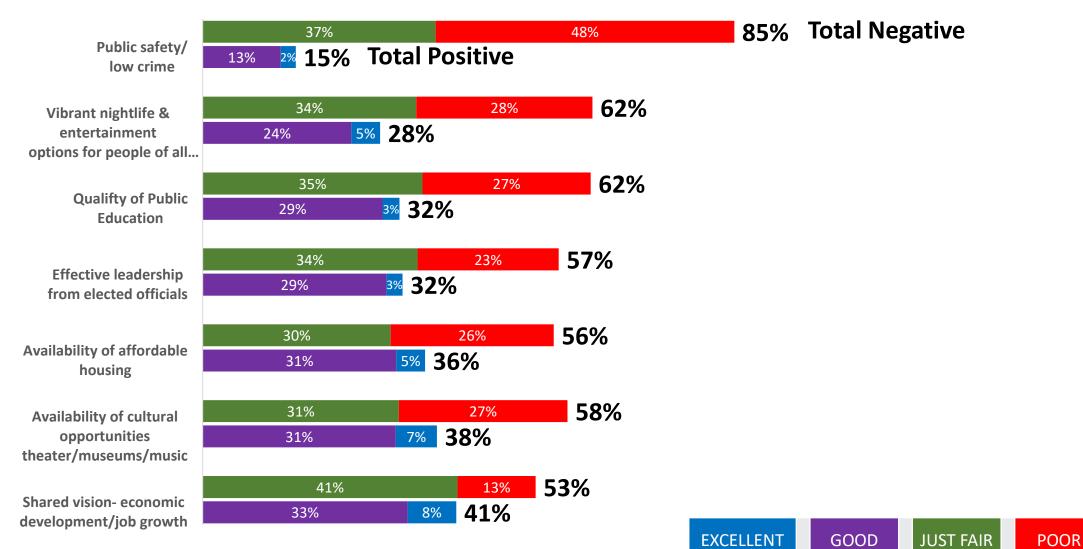
"I'm going to read a list qualities and characteristics that contribute to the quality of life in a community. Please tell me how you rate each in the Beloit area, excellent, good, only fair, or poor."

#### Rating Quality of Life Factors: Net Positive Ratings:



EXCELLENT GOOD JUST FAIR POOR

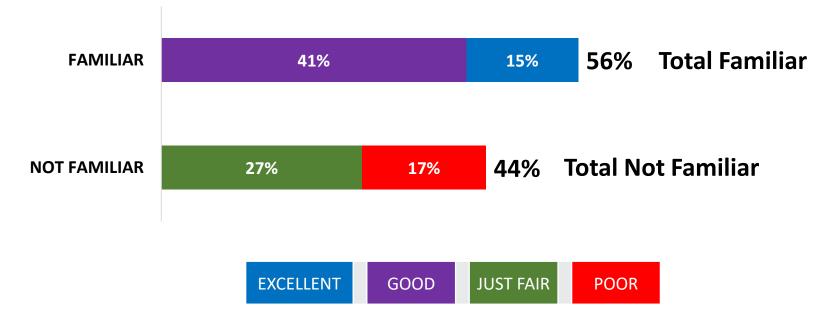
#### Rating Quality of Life Factors: Net Negative Ratings



#### Familiarity with Vision, Plans, and leadership for <u>Economic Development</u>

Statement read to respondent: "Economic Development generates investment, wealth, tax base and jobs from which many community benefits are created."

How familiar are you with the vision and plans for economic development in the Beloit area?

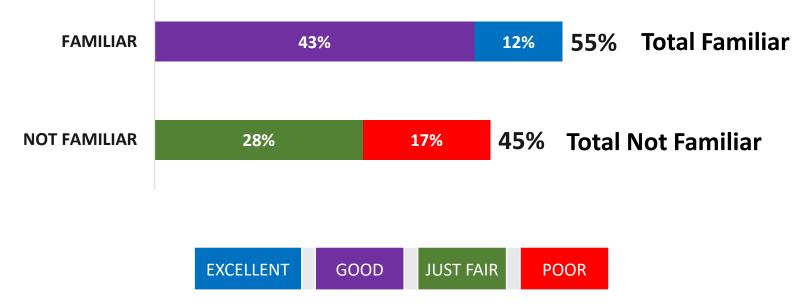


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#### Familiarity with Vision, Plans, and leadership for <u>Community Development</u>

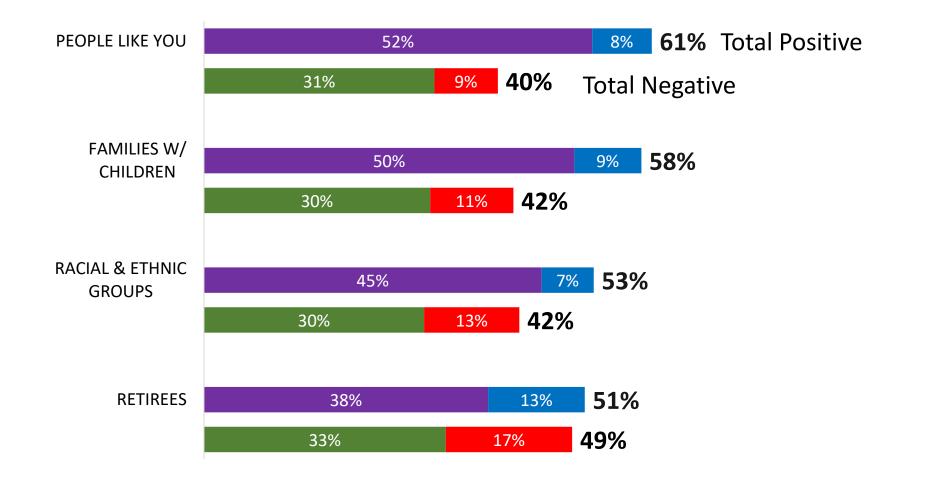
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#### "Now please rate the Beloit area as a place to live for the following types of people"



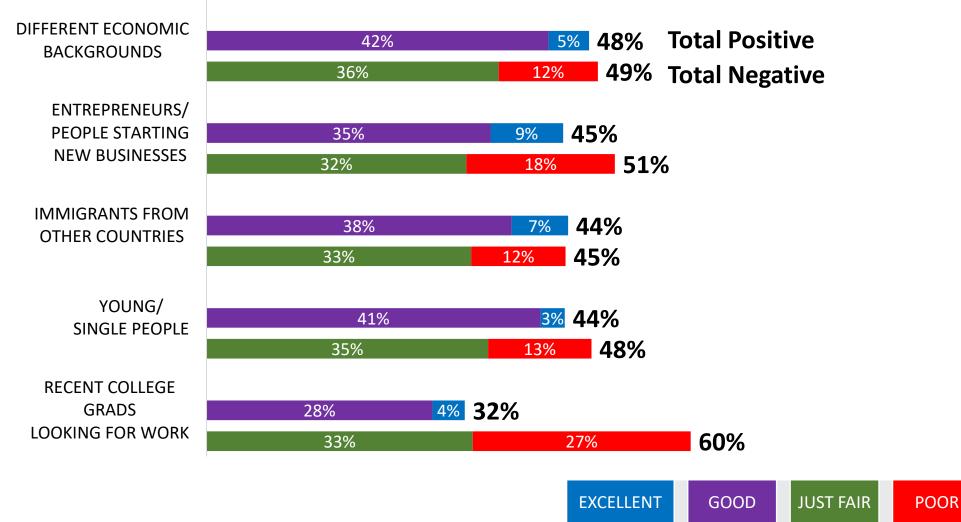
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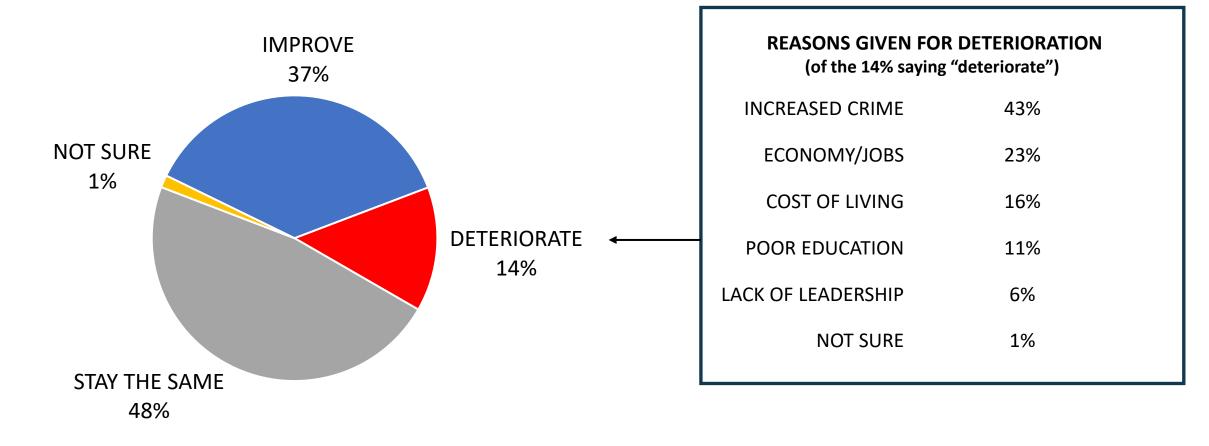


#### Rating the Overall Quality of Life

#### How would you rate the overall quality of life in the Beloit area?



# Over the next 5 years do you think that the quality of life in the Beloit area will improve, deteriorate or stay about the same?



#### Positive items to feel good about:

- 47% right track versus 29% wrong track (24% not sure)
- 41% feel 5 years from now the Economy and Beloit will be better off versus the 16% who rated it would be worse off.
- Availability of parks/playgrounds
- Welcoming people of diverse backgrounds
- 56% rate the quality of life excellent or good
- Only 6% rate the quality of life poor

#### Opportunities:

- Perception of safety
- Messaging To move the 24% of people not sure Beloit is moving in the right direction to feeling the city is moving in the right direction.
- Quality of Life Only 6% rated the quality of life poor and 38% rated it fair – Move those that rated fair to good.
- Keep progressing culture opportunities and vibrant nightlife and entertainment.

#### Telling the Story:

- 1. Beloit is doing so many exciting things in Entrepreneurship
- 2. Revitalization and programming happening in downtown
- 3. Additional educational opportunities
- 4. Success in building both local businesses and attracting new businesses
- 5. Welcoming people of diverse backgrounds, ethnicities, and cultures
- 6. Collaboration between entities to improve the quality of life

### Chuck Yeager



### "The world belongs to people that believe that we can do something that people tell us we normally can't do."

### -Quint Studer