



Foundations of Mission Operations

1. *To instill within ourselves these qualities essential to professional excellence*

Discipline...*Being able to follow as well as to lead, knowing that we must master ourselves before we can master our task.*

Competence...*There being no substitute for total preparation and complete dedication, for space will not tolerate the careless or indifferent.*

Confidence...*Believing in ourselves as well as others, knowing that we must master fear and hesitation before we can succeed.*

Responsibility...*Realizing that it cannot be shifted to others, for it belongs to each of us; we must answer for what we do, or fail to do.*

Toughness...*Taking a stand when we must; to try again, and again, even if it means following a more difficult path.*

Teamwork...*Respecting and utilizing the abilities of others, realizing that we work toward a common goal, for success depends upon the efforts of all.*

Vigilance...*Always attentive to the dangers of spaceflight; Never accepting success as a substitute for rigor in everything we do.*

2. *To always be aware that suddenly and unexpectedly we may find ourselves in a role where our performance has ultimate consequences.*

3. *To recognize that the greatest error is not to have tried and failed, but that in the trying we do not give it our best effort.*