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WISDOM

CREATIVITY

- Originality
- Adaptive
- Ingenuity

CURIOSITY

- Interest
- Novelty-Seeking
- Exploration
- Openness

JUDGMENT

- Critical Thinking
- Thinking Things
 Through
- Open-mindedness

LOVE OF LEARNING

- Mastering New Skills & Topics
- Systematically
 Adding to Knowledge

PERSPECTIVE

- Wisdom
- Providing Wise Counsel
- Taking the Big Picture View

COURAGE

BRAVERY

- Valor
- Not Shrinking from Fear
- Speaking Up for What's Right

PERSEVERANCE

- Persistence
- Industry
- Finishing What One Starts

HONESTY

- Authenticity
- Integrity

ZEST

- Vitality
- Enthusiasm
- Vigor
- Energy
- Feeling Alive



HUMANITY

LOVE

- Both Loving and Being Loved
- Valuing Close
 Relations with Others

KINDNESS

- Generosity
- NurturanceCare & Compassion
- Altruism
- "Niceness"



SOCIAL INTELLIGENCE

- Aware of the Motives/ Feelings of Self/Others
- Knowing what Makes
 Other People Tick



TEAMWORK

- Citizenship
- Social
 Responsibility
- Loyalty





FAIRNESS

- Just
- Not Letting Feelings
 Bias Decisions
 About Others

LEADERSHIP

- Organizing Group
 Activities
- Encouraging a Group to Get Things Done





FORGIVENESS

- Mercy
- Accepting Others'
 Shortcomings
- Giving People a Second Chance

HUMILITY

- Modesty
- Letting One's Accomplishments
 Speak for Themselves

PRUDENCE

- Careful
- Cautious
- Not Taking Undue
 Risks

SELF-REGULATION

- Self-Control
- Disciplined
- Managing Impulses& Emotions



APPRECIATION OF BEAUTY & EXCELLENCE

- Awe
- Wonder
- Elevation

GRATITUDE

- Thankful for the
 Good
- Expressing Thanks
- Feeling Blessed

HOPE

- Optimism
- Future-Mindedness
- Future Orientation

HUMOR

- Playfulness
- Bringing Smiles to Others
- Lighthearted

SPIRITUALITY

- Religiousness
- Faith
- Purpose
- Meaning