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No one who achieves success does so without acknowledging the help of others. The wise and confident acknowledge this help with gratitude.

– Alfred North Whitehead

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