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**Strategic**

People who are especially talented in the Strategic theme create alternative ways to proceed. Faced with any given scenario, they can quickly spot the relevant patterns and issues.

I am (being) → willing to consider all the possibilities so the best isn’t missed
I will (doing) → find the best route moving forward
I bring (contribution) → creating anticipation, imagination, persistence
I need (requirement) → freedom to make mid-course corrections
I love (value) → seeing a way when others assume there is no way
I hate (value) → doing things the way we have always done them
Metaphor/Image → great peripheral vision – can see the whole field
Barrier Label → always has to try something different

**Theme Contrast**

**Strategic:** Natural evaluator of possibilities
**Analytical:** Natural evaluator of realities
**Strategic:** Considers alternative routes
**Focus:** Concentrates on singular destination

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**Career Development Tips**

- Picture yourself in a career that you love. What are you doing? What path did you take to create the opportunity? Working backward from your goal is often an effective strategy for you.
- Play out a variety of scenarios in your mind to help you decide which career to explore further. List the various paths possible in your future so you can give careful thought to each one. Explore different alternatives through the Graduation Planner.
- Environments that are flexible and encourage creative thought and strategy will bring out your best. Opportunities to see the big picture and plan new approaches will energize you.
- Your ability to create new programs and generate multiple alternatives will be an asset to any organization you join.
- Environments that allow originality and focus more on the outcome than on specific procedures will allow your Strategic talents to flourish.
- Interview people who work in psychology, law, and consulting in an Informational Interview. Learn what they find most rewarding about their work on a daily basis.

**General Academic Life Tips**

- Don’t be afraid to be different. Discuss with professors the various approaches you can take to tackle an assignment.
- Participate in Research with faculty, or develop your own research project.
- Search for ways to express your creative thinking.
- Opt for classes that encourage discussion and creative solutions by joining the Honors Program.

**Extracurricular Activities**

- Consider running for an elected office in a Governing Body through the University’s Student Unions & Activities, and confidently state your ideas.
- Participate in cultural activities and Study Abroad Programs to better understand the world around you.
- Find organizations that need your planning abilities or volunteer at the Student Union Program Board for event planning.