



# Working Under Pressure

PRESSURE  
— IS A —  
PRIVILEGE.



# Reflection from Last Week

Thursday members from our team supported the 2017 Technology Festival. The festival started at 5:30. At 4:20 the entire wireless network went down. The pressure was on to find the problem and get back up by 5:30. It was amazing to see our team work together, along with our strategic partners to find the solution. I was reminded that working under pressure is a privilege. It is the nature of our work. Our community, staff, and students depend on us and we can never let down our guard! I know I have never felt any more privileged to work with our staff during that hour! - **Frankie Jackson**

“Pressure – The stress or urgency of matters demanding attention and the constraint of circumstances.”

# EXAMPLE: 2017 Technology Festival







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Always behave like a duck. Keep calm and unruffled on the surface, but paddle like hell underwater.

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Character is who  
you are under  
pressure, not who  
you are when  
everything's fine.



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**"PERPETUAL OPTIMISM IS A  
FORCE MULTIPLIER."**

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**COLIN POWELL**

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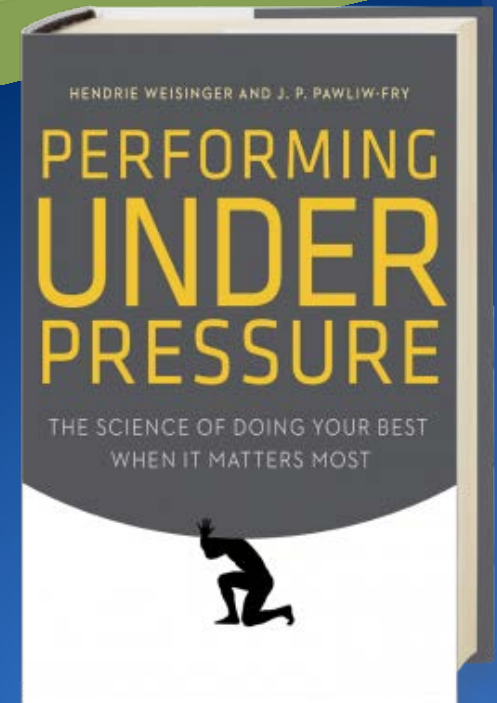
A large, central image featuring a sunset or sunrise over a body of water. The sky is filled with dark, dramatic clouds, and the sun is low on the horizon, creating a bright, golden glow that illuminates the clouds and the water below. The overall mood is one of resilience and hope.

Everything negative - pressure,  
challenges - is all an  
opportunity for me to rise.  
Kobe Bryant



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People will watch you more closely  
when you are under pressure.







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## 7 ways to succeed while under pressure:

1. Identify the *smallest* problem that requires a solution.
2. Focus maximum energy on the simplest short-term solution.
3. Never expand problems; shrink them.
4. Clarify what you don't need.
5. Keep everyone focused on current issues.
6. Lower drama by speaking calmly but acting aggressively.
7. Take charge, but stay open. An emergency isn't the time for team meetings.

“ When failure is imminent, solve essential issues as quickly as possible. Let everything else go.



# Discussion and Share Thoughts

How Do You React When You Are Working Under Pressure?

What Could You Do Better?