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LEAP OF FAITH

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Being an older college student, I never imagined I could connect with an insightful mentor. Especially a mentor with achievements in the exact industries of my new career goals.

Growing up, I was interested in both government service and the sports world, and these remain my career goals since my transition from active military service.

I am lucky to be paired with Jim Lefko, Director of Communications for Bexar County Judge Peter Sakai

He also graduated from my dream school, The University of Texas at Austin. Having earned a degree from the school of Journalism, Lefko began his career as a journalist.

After paying his dues writing for publications in Texas, Lefko received the news: the Indianapolis Indy Star newspaper was offering him the position of sports editor.

In this new role, Lefko directed sports coverage for major events, including an NFL Super Bowl. The Indianapolis Colts played the Chicago Bears. As Lefko recalled, this was a memorable day.

"One of my career highlights came in 2007. I directed a staff of 15 reporters and photographers at the Super Bowl in Miami. It was one of the most grueling yet gratifying periods in my life, culminating with the Colts' only Super Bowl championship that we chronicled in award-winning fashion for our readers."

These types of experiences open doors to curiosity and reinvention. Life is always changing, sometimes you have to take a leap of faith.



In 2023, Lefko assumed his current county government position. Lefko crafts speeches for Judge Sakai, serves as the primary media liaison, while also contributing to the essential team monitoring Bexar County's future development.

Lefko proved to be an intellectually honest and empathetic mentor, consistently offering wise and useful career advice. As I embark on my journey of reinvention and learning as an older college student, I will always keep in mind Lefko's wisdom:

“ Learn to navigate your work environment, be open to change, recognizing that significant opportunities may require a leap of faith.

