Assignment 1

***Prompt 1: Mission / Vision / Purpose Statement:*** Provide your mission / vision / purpose statement here. Also, comment on the value of this process, and how your thinking at this level relates to your specific goals that follow. Can you see a connection?

My purpose statement includes being an ambitious motivated individual who looks forward to learning new things and familiarizes himself by putting himself in uncomfortable situations to become more self-aware. The value of this statement proves to relate to my goals that follow by allowing myself to fully commit to them to the best of my availability while staying goal driven and goal oriented. I can see a connection to my purpose and my goals because to reach my goals I will need to remain with my purpose and not change. Remaining with my purpose will ensure success with all of my goals that follow.

***Prompt 2: Overall Program Goals:***  What SMART program goals would you be willing to commit to accomplishing?  Include your detailed plan (with SMART format action steps) for each goal.

My primary SMART program goal I would be willing to commit to accomplishing would be to become more self-aware. Self-aware of myself, while learning more and more about my surroundings and what they mean. I want to accomplish this goal because becoming more self-aware leads to becoming a better person, as a whole. Once able to become more self-aware, I am also able to remain more open minded in various situations and environments. This goal is very much achievable through hard work and remaining driven and focused on it. This goal is also relevant because it relates to culture diversity, which will be very present throughout the coming weeks being in a new country and environment.

***Prompt 3: Coping and Thriving Goals:***  What SMART program goals would you be willing to commit to accomplishing?  Include your detailed plan (with SMART format action steps) for each goal.

My most concerned goal to thrive out in Prague would be to be able to adapt to the culture so well that I could see myself living there. To be able to call a place home is to be well acquainted and extremely comfortable with that location. I would want to become extremely familiar with the culture and geography that Prague is all about. I want to accomplish this goal because it would mean that I would have a second home in Europe, a place where I feel comfortable and secure with all it has to offer. I believe that this goal is achievable because of the duration that I will be living in Prague and from the activities and work I will be conducting while I am there. This goal is also relevant because once comfortable with a certain environment, it makes it much more easier to understand the environment and to be able to thrive and cope with what it has to offer as a country.

***Prompt 4: Cultural Engagement Goals:***  What SMART program goals would you be willing to commit to accomplishing?  Include your detailed plan (with SMART format action steps) for each goal.

A cultural engagement goal of mine is to attend a specific cultural event each week while in Prague, no matter the theme of the event. A weekly event in Prague will allow me to engage and dive deep into the culture to see how they act, along with enjoying the events that are happening and experiencing the joy of the people that attend them. I want to accomplish this goal because it would mean that I am learning a new culture to its utmost entirety. I believe that this goal is achievable because once I begin to settle in Prague and familiarize myself more through my internship, my mind will force me to want to learn more about the culture besides the work I am doing and where I am living. This goal is very much relevant because part of this program is fixed entirely on learning the culture of Prague and with this goal in mind it will make that focus much more attainable and influential.

***Prompt 5: Future Readiness: International Work Experience and Perspective Goals:***  What SMART international work experience / perspective goal(s) would you be willing to commit to accomplishing?

I think it’s safe to say that my biggest goal involved with international work experience is to gain as much insight into offshore banking as possible while learning the ethics involved with working for an international company. Working with Zenron, a consulting firm in Prague, is one of the most exciting events I have to look forward to because I understand the experiences that will come from such a promising opportunity. Accomplishing this goal would mean that I have learned many valuable skills to apply with offshore banking that I could use in the new future with my career path and college education pre-graduation. This goal is very achievable because my level of motivation is at an utmost high and I am driven to learn as much as possible in these upcoming weeks ahead. The relevance of this goal is that it pushes me to learn more about the company, the city, and the country all at once.