Career Vision MadLibs

“What’s your vision for your career?”

List the following:
1. Important professional experience ______________________
2. Problem that professional experience demonstrates ______________
3. Activity 1 (thing you might do as a faculty member)________________
4. Activity 2 ______________
5. Activity 3 ______________
6. Activity 4 ______________

Mad Lib #1 for the Linear Minded:

My vision comes from my experience __________________________ (insert #1). I’d like to pursue things in my faculty role that help to ______________ (insert #2). A career where I could __________ (activity #1), ________________ (activity #2), __________ (activity #3), and ______________________ (activity #4) would be ideal as I would be able to align the things I do professionally with my own vision and goals.

Mad Lib #2 for the Visually Minded:
Preparing Worksheet #2 – “Tell Me About Your Goals” MadLib

List the following:

1. # of years that the question asker asked _____
2. Important issue from worksheet #1 ______________________
3. Your clinical/educational/research focus _____________
4. Is your appointment on the clinical practice track (if no, proceed to #5)?
   a. How might you demonstrate excellence in clinical performance?
   b. What additional professional contributions do you see yourself making?
      i. Administration and leadership
      ii. Patient outcomes/Quality Improvement
      iii. Academic contributions
      iv. Service to the field
      v. Patient education and community service
5. Is your appointment on the clinician educator track (if no, proceed to #6)?
   a. Are you more focused on service? If so, where are you making your mark?
      i. Exemplary clinical care
      ii. Development of new programs
      iii. Contributions to the field characteristic of an academic clinician
      iv. Special contributions to the mission of the Department or school
   b. Are you more focused on education? If so, where are you making your mark?
      i. Direct teaching
      ii. Curriculum or program development
      iii. Advising and mentoring
      iv. Educational leadership/administration
      v. Educational research
      vi. Development of new programs
6. If your appointment on the physician scientist track? How are you demonstrating excellence in:
   a. Sustained publication in leading peer-reviewed journals
   b. Peer recognition
   c. Sustained grant support
   d. Mentoring of graduate students, postdoctoral fellows, faculty
My vision for the next ___ (#1) years really ties back to ______ (#2). To help make a difference for _____ (#2), I see myself taking the next phase of my career to establish myself as an expert in the area of ________________ (Select your area of activity based on your track). I recognize that one of the most important things to accomplish will be to demonstrate excellence in ________________, ________________, and ________________.

I know that recognition outside Vanderbilt is important also, so as a next step, I would see myself serving on ___________ and working to ________________.