

**T**here are several well-known keys to success, which truly successful people are happy to share with us. One such key is to “be a hard-worker” the other is to never be afraid to *dream big*. If this is true, then there are three young local men in our city who have what it takes to be ultimately successful in life. Xavier Harper, Jay Morales and Faustino Garcia III are all sophomores at Liberty High School in Bethlehem. They recently entered the Disney Channel’s “Make Your Mark: Shake It Up Dance Off 2012” competition. This national competition was entered by some 90,000 youngsters. The young men sent their audition tape in to Disney and learned that they made the first cut. Their group, known as “Team Identity”, ended up being one of six finalists, chosen from the original 90,000!

The team members, who are all 16 or younger had no formal training and did not have the advantage of being able to practice in a studio. The team’s manager, Faustino Garcia Jr. told us that the youngsters choreograph their own routines and that they practice wherever they can. “They are proof-positive that anything is possible”, Faustino proudly said. Even though the team has only been dancing together about two years, they have performed in public, such as in talent shows for their schools. Garcia III learned about the contest and the rest was history. “We worked really hard this year to improve and you really can make dreams come true when you are willing to dedicate and work hard”, he said.

Sounds to us as though these three young men really have learned the secret to future success. *Congratulations to Team Identity.*