

### \*Are your employees fully engaged?

**Employee engagement does not mean employee happiness**. Someone might be happy at work, but that doesn't necessarily mean they are working hard, productively on behalf of the organization. Making employees happy is different from making them engaged.

**Employee engagement doesn't mean employee satisfaction**. A satisfied employee might show up for her daily 8-to-5 without complaint. But that same "satisfied" employee might not go the extra effort on her own, and she'll probably take the headhunter's call luring her away with a 10% bump in pay. Satisfied isn't enough.

#### Definition: Employee engagement is the emotional commitment the employee has to the organization and its goals.

This emotional commitment means engaged employees actually care about their work and their company. They don't work just for a paycheck, or just for the next raise, but work on behalf of the organization's goals.

When employees care—when they are *engaged*—they use **discretionary effort**.

This means the engaged technician works overtime when needed, without being asked. This means the engaged administrative assistant picks up the trash on the floor out in the hallway, even if the boss isn't watching. This means the customer service representative will pick up the phone and take that call, even if it's right before the end of his shift. \*Forbes Magazine

#### Only 1 out of 3 employees are engaged at work



## What are unengaged employees doing with their time?

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# Why it matters...

Engaged Employees lead to...

higher productivity and quality, which leads to ...

higher customer satisfaction, which leads to...

improved University reputation (positive community image and investment from community partners)

increased enrollment, innovative research and grant funding, which leads to...

achievement of the University mission of being a comprehensive metropolitan University that offers quality instruction, innovative research, and serves as a contributing partner to the community, state, nation and world.

#### How to increase employee engagement

(Portions taken from The Hay Model – CUPAHR)

