

Diana DeRodeff's "To Do" List

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Thank you. This is a grand opportunity to thank you, to thank all those people in the field, who have carried, and will carry, the work forward in service to people with disabilities. When I retired I left Donna with my "To Do" List of 43 projects. I thought I would also share a short "To Do" List with you, just observations and words of encouragement:

#1. Today there exists a dangerous lack of self reflection – take time often to exam your own purpose and the motivation for your life's work.

#2. Take the high road – there is less traffic up there, it will give you a firm platform to perform your life's work.

#3. Be relevant – study and speak to emerging needs, be in tune with those you serve.

#4. Use your passion to light the passion of others.

#5. Practice perseverance – much about serving others requires it.

#6. Remember that passion without relevance and perseverance can become a mental health diagnosis.

#7. There is a new marketing strategy that calls for "aligning your expectations" which they define as "learn to expect only what you can get". Never ever lower your expectations to "align" them to others.

And

#8. In the words of the late Mary Travers, a singer for freedom, "For everything that matters, CARRY ON...."