

Suzanne Driscoll Talks Mentorship and Enthusiasm with the DBR

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Q&A - Best Mentors: Suzanne M. Driscoll on the Importance of Enthusiasm

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Name a secret ingredient or two for effective mentoring.

Commitment; Listen.

What's the most important leadership lesson you've learned and why is it so valuable?

Always follow through. You will not be trusted if you don't.

Which leadership skills were the most difficult for you to develop?

I am a work in progress but at this point, I'd say time management/ability to delegate.

How do you teach negotiating skills?

These skills are acquired through experience but the foundations for me are confidence in position, respect for your adversary and flexibility.

When trying to obtain buy-in for something new or sustaining, what tactics work for you?

Be excited about it yourself—excitement is infectious.

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Do you have any quick tips for re-energizing an overworked team?

Coordinate an unexpected event/outing.

What are the best ways for people to stay connected to a key mentor over time and locations?

Calendar periodic reminders to check-in.

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