How to Become a Global Nurse Leader: One Nurse’s Journey

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Don’t complain and do nothing. Do something, and do your best to do the right thing, even though it may not turnout to be the right thing. Action always outdoes inaction.
Dropping out of a bad situation is always an option; quitting never is.
Failures are inevitable. What you learn from them is what makes you become who you want to be.
Other people’s dreams are not always yours, and that’s OK.
To pursue your passion, you have to overcome your fears.
Never forget where you came from.
Always do your homework before opening your mouth.
When a door opens, believe in yourself, and don’t be afraid to walk through it.
Listen to your heart.
Be genuine.
Connections only hurt those people who don’t have them.
Be ready to step into scary situations at a moment’s notice. They aren’t usually life and death, but a leader’s actions can make all the difference in the outcome.
Don’t take rejection lying down.
Sometimes it’s a good idea to know who you’re talking to.
Always be willing to put yourself out there.
Know how your organization really works.
Shared mental models and processes that are mutually agreed-upon by all have a high probability of being efficient, effective, and adopted.
Leadership means taking calculated risks.
Believe in your vision, and work hard at your dreams. Dreams don’t come true on their own; it’s up to you to make them come true.
“My challenge as a leader is to get my team to gift to the organization that which I cannot buy with a paycheck.”

Ron Brannon – CIO, St. David’s Healthcare
“Leadership means sometimes ticking people off.”

Brigadier General Colin Powell
Former Chair of the Joint Chiefs of Staff
Ambassador to the United Nations
Leadership.
Questions?

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