Be the “First” Penguin

Part Deux

CMU Volunteer Forum 2011
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• Randy Pausch (CS’88), famed CMU professor, always encouraged his students to take risks, think outside the box, and face difficult challenges...even if it mean failing.

• In his own words, “…failure is not just acceptable, it’s often essential.”
Let’s Share, Learn & Discuss!

- Gambles are not always successful...
- In fact, they can turn out to be downright disasters (yikes!)
- Let’s talk about these less than stellar performances, events, or not-so-best laid plans
  - What did we learn?
  - What would you differently next time?
  - Has anyone planned a similar function but results turned out differently?
  - Let’s share ideas on how to make it better...
The “First” Penguin Award 2011

• After sharing and discussing all of our “war” stories, let’s vote on who has earned the very second annual “First” Penguin Award at Alumni Forum

• So don’t hold back...bring on those flops, bombs, fiascos, and turkeys...we want to hear about them!
"When you're screwing up and nobody says anything to you anymore, that means they've given up on you."

– Randy Pausch
"It's not how hard you hit. It's how hard you get hit...and keep moving forward."

– Randy Pausch (The Last Lecture)
"I'm sorry.
It's my fault.
How do I make it right?"

– Randy Pausch
"Experience is what you get when you didn't get what you wanted. And experience is often the most valuable thing you have to offer."

– Randy Pausch (The Last Lecture)
"There are more ways than one to measure profits and losses."

– Randy Pausch (The Last Lecture)
"No matter how bad things are, you can always make things worse."

– Randy Pausch (The Last Lecture)
"When you see yourself doing something badly and nobody's bothering to tell you anymore, that's a bad place to be."

– Randy Pausch (The Last Lecture)
"If you have a question, then find the answer."

– Randy Pausch (The Last Lecture)
"Complaining does not work as a strategy."

– Randy Pausch (The Last Lecture)
"Questions are more important than answers"

– Randy Pausch (The Last Lecture)