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- ...to feel good about your accomplishments.**
- ...to make mistakes.**
- ...to seek guidance in the development of your talent.**
- ...to have multiple peer groups and a variety of friends.**
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