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I have been blessed to be part of NAPE Academies in the past, first as a state supervisor in Delaware for the Delaware Department of Education and also as a participant in the first Leadership Academy several years ago. It has been quite a journey, quite a journey of learning and growth and love. So I think about the statement, "Don't do anything for me, without me." That has kind of guided the process that we went through, including students not only as an afterthought, not only as a, "What do you think about this?", but including students from the beginning. Including them in the development, in the implementation, in the analysis, in the evaluation, in the restructuring of things that we are doing to make sure that we are enabling systems that support every student. And so, I just encourage anyone who has an opportunity to participate in an activity like this with NAPE to please take advantage of it because it will not only change the life of your students, but it will also change your own life.