

# REWILD SCHOOL

## THE 11 PROMISES OF A CHANGE-MAKING ANIMAL

1. Always say WE. Period.

2. Take the wheel.

No one will tell you what to do, when to do it, or how. There is no roadmap. There is no textbook. There is no teaching assistant. This class is barely taught. Make your own way.

3. Bring on your wrecking ball.

Challenge the work of those who have come before you. Take on the status quo. Always ask, "Why?" You know you want to knock down the Lego tower. Do it. We thrive on the creative destruction brought by each new cohort of students.

4. Do not wait for a hall pass.

Do not ask for permission. Act. Take a risk. Go make a mistake. You are going to anyway. When you do, hold yourself accountable. Then fix it. Forgiveness is forthcoming for those who take the initiative.

5. Get on your red, white, and blue motorcycle leathers.

A chasm separates you in your comfort zone from where we need you to be. Get on your motorcycle and make the jump! Your life depends on it. We are waiting for you to join us.

6. Politely tell Barbie and Ken to \*%#@ off!

Perfect does not do. Perfect does not work. Perfect does not get its soft, manicured hands dirty. You are here to produce. You are not here to win a beauty contest (i.e., get an A). Misshapen. Uneven. Imperfect. It does not matter. You will get in your big, brown, boxy truck and deliver.

7. Trust Obi-Wan and let go.

When it comes time to deliver, you will disengage external feedback systems, take a deep breath, and pull the trigger. Your project will come together. There is no other ending. We are your Han, R2D2, and Wedge.

8. Take it on the chin.

We work in a harsh and unforgiving environment—reality. Your carefully crafted classroom projects will not survive first contact unscathed. There will be setbacks. Do not look around for someone or something else to blame. Get up. Brush yourself off. And iterate your way to a solution.

9. Remain monogamous.

La Ceiba is not a project you turn in, get a grade, and then go on break. We are not flirting. We are in it for the long term. We have one love—our work, our tribe.

10. Talk back to the teacher.

Dr. H is not an expert. Be stingy with your head nods of approval. Dr. H is not in charge. Challenge his authority. Question his decisions. Voice an alternative direction.

11. Hug.

All the best families do.