SAGE Public Speaking Video Contest

Speech of Introduction Outline

# Introduction Archeology

Hello my name is Deanna and today I have brought several items of significance to my life. Like an archeologist I am going to present each of these items as artifacts and explain them. By the end you will know three new things about me and who I am as a person.

# Going in chronological order we begin with the key ring:

## Keys

### 13 to 15

### Leaving middle school, entering high school

### Became fascinated with keys

### Locks – puzzles or seemingly complicated problems that are hard to solve, barriers

### Keys – answers, solutions that are not only unique but also quite elegant

## Oddly enough the next artifact is this doll:

### 15 to 18 late high school

### Was never a good cook, no artist, but I got into sewing

### Boogie was nothing more than a drawing in a book when I first saw him, and I brought him alive from the page using my own hands.

### I loved the idea of creation, making ephemeral thoughts a tangible reality and all the details and skills that go into that.

## Fast forward and I’m in college. I moved into my first apartment without ever seeing the place and it is on the third floor. It’s those three flights of stairs that inspired this next artifact a rope-and-pulley system:

### 18 to 20, new in college

### After living like a princess in a tower for a semester or two I got tired of it and decided to move, but everyone told me I couldn’t do it.

### Taking well intentioned advice and turning it into a dare, I set out to prove them wrong and devised this system in order to move the heavy boxes from the third floor balcony to the ground.

### Pulleys reduce weight to about 1/3 and the entire system prevents the need for multiple exhausting trips up and down stairs.

### It was an elegant, slightly crazy solution that I devised and executed myself.

### I hate being told what I *can’t* do. It makes me immediately start asking questions and trying to push the limits of what is possible.

# Today I brought 3 strange things in order to explain some details of my life. I hope at the least you’ve been entertained and ideally you now know three important things about me:

## I like elegant solutions to problems

## I enjoy bringing ideas to life with crafts and skills

## And if you tell me I *can’t* I’m going to use those first two traits in order to prove you wrong.

## Thank You.