

A night-time photograph of a soccer field. The field is illuminated by several tall stadium lights. A goal is visible on the left side of the field. The grass is green, and the white lines of the field are clearly visible. The sky is dark.

# Lessons from a life on the Soccer Field

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# You are Important

- You are here today because you have been identified as some of the brightest and most influential people on this campus.
- Someone saw something in you and you worked hard to get to where you are today.
- Because of you, the bar at RSU has been raised, and continues to rise.
- Today is an opportunity to better yourself



# A little bit about me





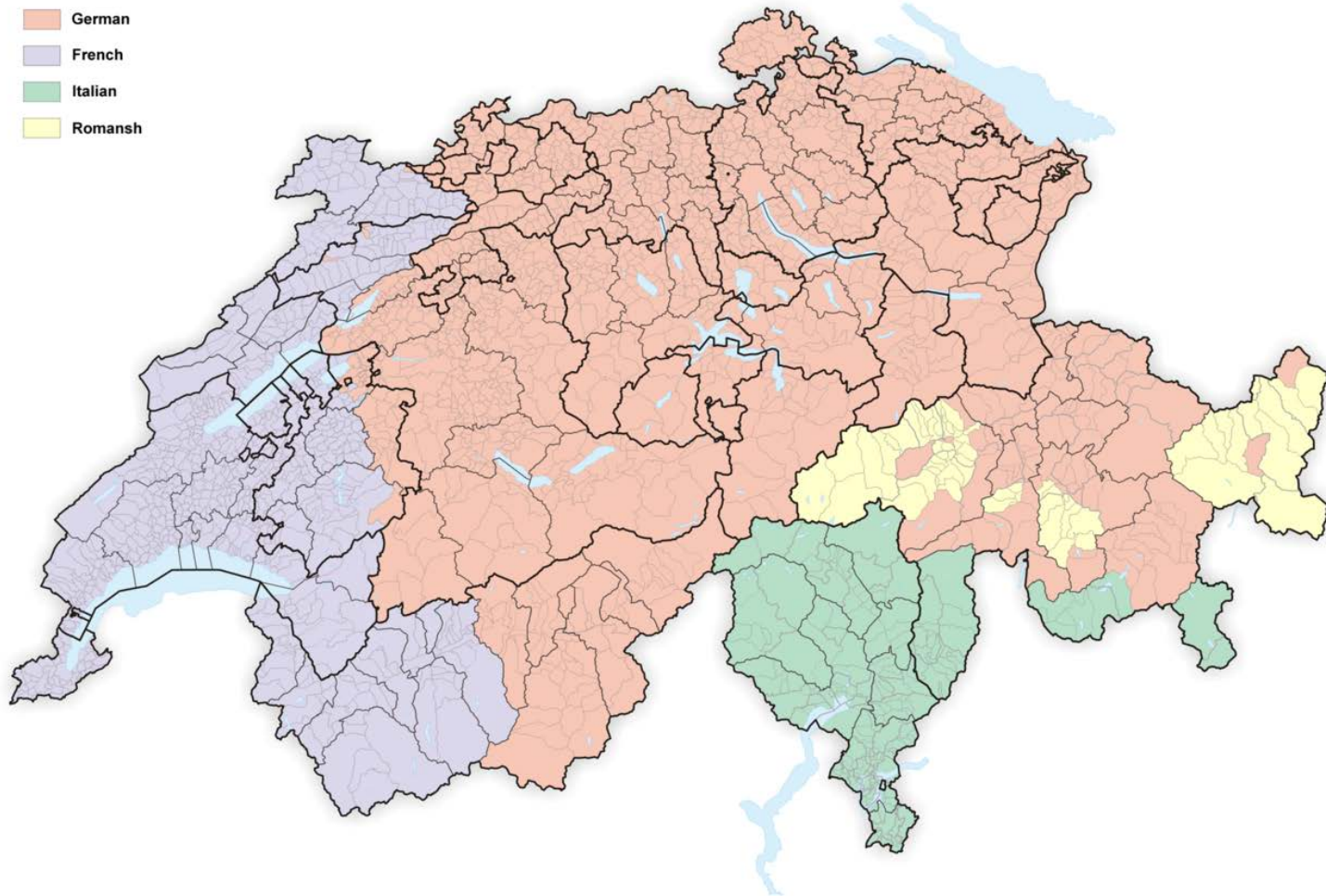


# A little bit about me

- Sweden & Kenya
- Oklahoma



# Working with diverse groups



■ Switzerland



# How do you respond to failure?

- Switzerland did not have a good tournament – who/what was to blame?
- OSU vs. Clemson



# Value Others



- Effective Leaders connect with the people they lead and not only the goal they are pursuing.
- Value the people you are on the journey with.



# Pay it Forward

- “Bamse”
- You did not get to where you are on your own.
- Humility is key
- Good leaders are attentive listeners





# Who will you Empower? Where will your influence take you?



Teammate KL





# Final Words...

- Good leaders are good learners
- Be willing to be uncomfortable
- Seek out opportunities to make a difference in the lives of others
- Focus on what you can change
- Try, then try again, then try again
- Be the One
- You are the Future