

## Laura LeBurn Hatcher quotes a message from Raphael Sassi.



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"No matter where you are, maintain a sense of optimism enough so that you can stay on the path. You will occasionally be confronted by a huge gap between your skills and capacities versus people who have achieved more and have been working longer. Take that and use it as motivation rather than as something that shuts you down. Try to nurture that within yourself and react to that in a positive way rather than letting it halt you in your tracks. Convince yourself that it's worthwhile and the journey is long. Do whatever you have to do to keep going and be motivated."

I'm joining my [MICA Alumni Association](#) classmates in mourning the sudden, tragic loss of [Raphael Sassi](#). Though I did not know him well I have been in awe of his talent since we had classes together. His work was then, and shall remain, absolutely extraordinary in its refined beauty and his raw skill.