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Steve's Sound-Off

February 2015

Dear Friends and Colleagues:

Having had the opportunity to travel around the world and see schools and education through many different lenses, one thing that has become crystal clear is that the challenges we face in America are not unique. These challenges exist on a global scale. That also means there are opportunities around the globe to collectively address the many challenges we face. Without question, building networks with progressive thinkers in our profession from around the world will only allow us to better meet the needs of all children regardless of where they are from.

~Steve

Success Story of the Month

Steve's webinar series for the Alaska Staff Development Network is getting people talking and motivated! Here's what people are saying about the presentation on College and Career Readiness:

'Thank you for a very thought provoking evening. What a great lecture, not only for teachers getting students ready, but also for parents!'

'I'm excited about this webinar series. I think it is always important to rethink and refresh as educators.'

'Steve, That's a great line: We grade compliance instead of learning.'

Interested in participating? You can sign up to hear the remaining webinars on the Paradigm Shift, Educators as Entrepreneurs, and the Changing Workplace [here](#)

iLead Summer Camp

Sure the pool is great, but why not prepare your student leaders for college, careers, and global citizenship this summer?

iLead is collaborating with [Baroody Camps](#) to showcase students' talents and current skills while teaching leadership behaviors and strategies to

design their own future and positively impact the world. Rising 7th-9th graders will come together for 2 weeks to develop and execute a local, small-scale cleanup project.

[Register](#) today!

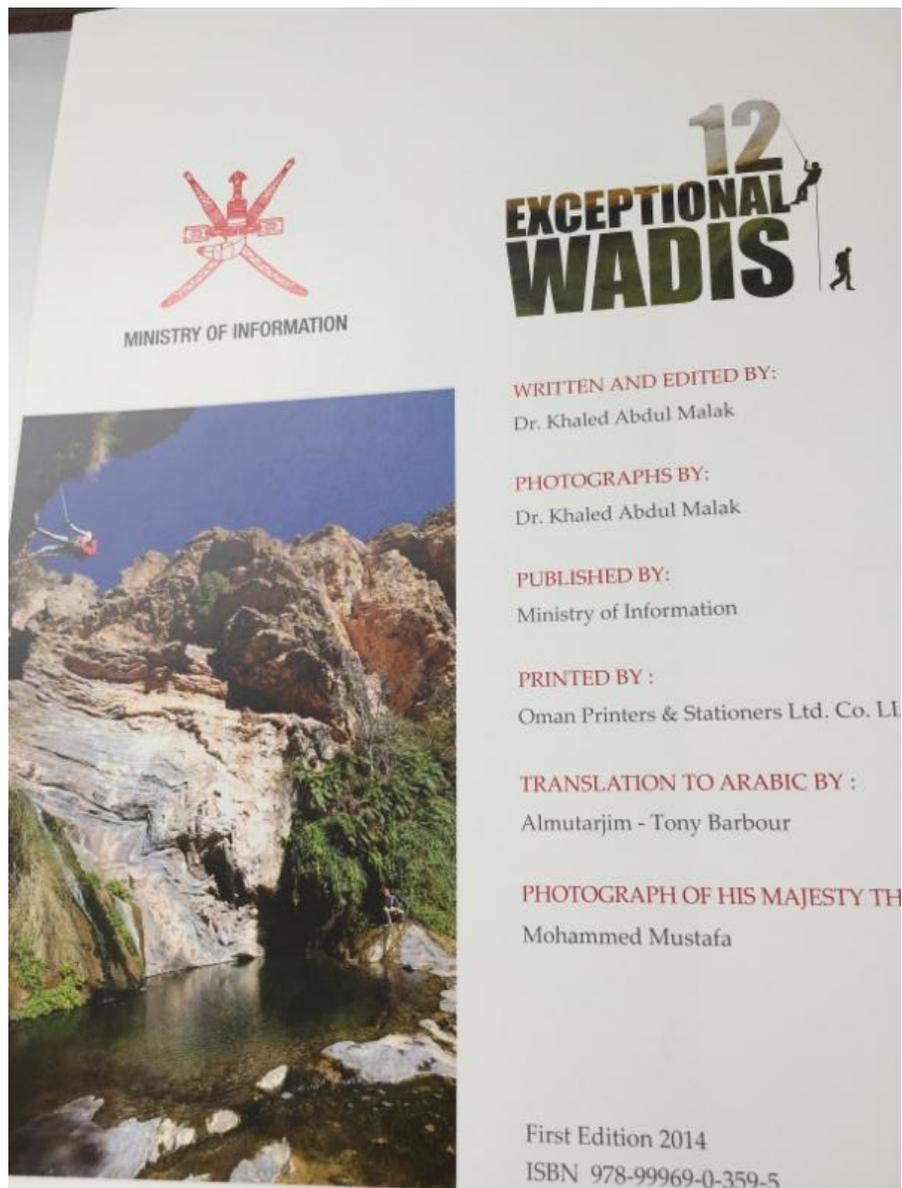


Visit to Oman

Steve returned from another successful trip to Oman this month where he networked with colleagues at Mazoon University College, an affiliate of the Missouri University of Science and Technology. EES is excited to watch these new relationships grow!



Meeting with Dr. Juma Saleh Al-Ghailani, Abdul Rahman Juma Saleh Al-Ghailani, Jihad Jabarin, Mark Avery and other colleagues.



Congrats to Dr. Khaled Abdul Malak on his book depicting the beautiful terrain of Oman!

Webinar World Series

Steve can now add omnipresent to his list of professional qualifications thanks to webinars! Webinars are a highly effective, environmentally friendly, and cost efficient way of communicating. Let ESS design a webinar series specifically tailored to your needs and interests! Email [Michelle](#) for more information!



Muriel Summers NPA Tour

UPDATE! NEW DATE FOR WEST VIRGINIA!

With Muriel Summers as your expert guide, you will investigate and stretch what you know about becoming an effective Visionary Leader during, 'Lessons in Visionary Leadership.' The National Principals Academy fosters the perfect environment for you to strengthen your practice, expand your network, and stretch your thinking.



*April 18, 2015
Tamarack Center
Beckley, West Virginia*

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