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Steve's Sound-Off

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Dear Friends and Colleagues:

Here's a tip on how to improve upon your leadership capacity! Develop your listening skills, your ability to facilitate groups and how to communicate effectively. Building those skills will lead to forging lasting and resilient relationships. Strong organizations are founded upon relationships, and our ability to listen to each other.

~Steve

Global Trainings

In early October, Steve and Rebecca traveled to Honolulu, Hawaii in order to provide iLead 21 training for the Assets School which is an independent school which specializes in serving k-12 gifted and capable students with dyslexia and other language-based learning differences. Assets School offers a strength-based program which empowers students to become effective learners who are confident in their ability to self-advocate.

Over the course of a week, Mike and Suzi Travis and their team engaged in developing leadership behaviors and strategies that will enable them to support students in their quest to design their own futures. Mike, Suzi and the Assets School staff are now part of the iLead 21 community, and you can find them on the iLead 21 website at <http://ilead21.ning.com>. Log on and say aloha!



Team Collaboration!



Welcome Assets School to the iLead 21 community!

Purposeful Work!

It is always so good to hear about the good work that is being done in classrooms and schools around the nation. It is also important to celebrate those moments, large and small, that are special and mean good things for students.

The following are such moments:

Alicia Lett, principal of Cranberry-Prosperity School in West Virginia writes:
...This is the beginning of my 5th year as principal. Some days I feel every second of that and more...That being said, I'd like to share a Cranberry victory with you...I know we have a long way to go, but finally we are seeing the fruits of our labor...We've gone from single digit proficiency scores my first year to scores that are above county and state averages...I know this is something that can't be achieved by one person. I am blessed to have a phenomenal staff. I am blessed that there were people-like each of you-along the way that invested and believed

in me.

Another story worth sharing is from Wayne County, West Virginia. Mike Evans from EES attended the Ribbon Cutting Ceremony for the new addition at Wayne High School. He writes:

...It was a beautiful day filled with examples of student leadership. The entire program involved students with no adults. The students planned the program as well as including the student leadership team, chorus and JROTC. It was attended by current and former students, central office staff, and school board members. It was a superb example of involving the students in leading their schools.





Thanks to Mike and Alicia for sharing their stories and experiences with us. We celebrate these moments with you...it is an inspiration to all of us!

iLead Opportunities

EES is looking for all interested iLead members and coaches (present and past) to help us create a digital version and/or app of the iLead books. We want to hear your suggestions and recommendations on all aspects of this new iLead app!

We are also looking for volunteers (iLeaders and coaches past and present) to take part in video interviews with Risi Ademola, an iLead alum who is now working with us to digitize iLead materials (and who started an iLead program at UNC Chapel Hill). We want to know if/how iLead has impacted your life.

For more information, please contact [Rebecca](#).



Save the Dates!

EES is in the process of planning Conferences featuring Muriel Summers for June 12th -15th, 2016, and Dr. Yong Zhao from the University of Kansas will be scheduled for September, 2016. We will provide more information on topics to be discussed, registration and location of the Conferences soon. We will keep you posted!

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