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Steve's Sound-Off

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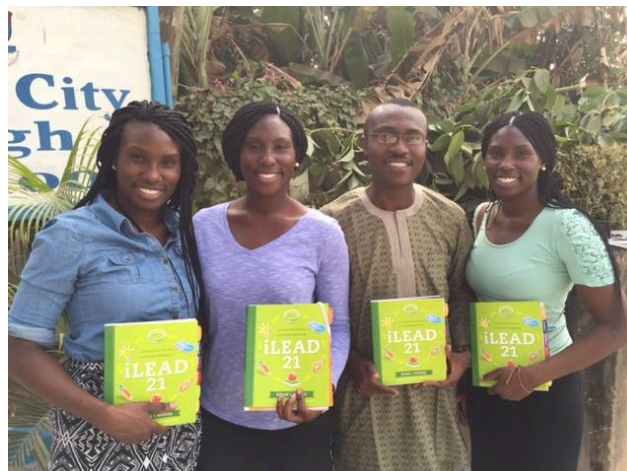
Dear Friends and Colleagues:

Ambition never rests; this summer, while you might take a break from your daily routine, don't take a break from planning for your long-term goals. Consider joining us this June in Beckley, West Virginia for a one-day workshop with Laurie Barron or even partaking in one of our summer reading recommendations. Never stop working toward becoming the educator your students deserve!

-Steve

Success Story of the Month

iLead Nigeria is in the news again, this time through a feature on CPAFRICA which highlights the great work the team is doing to address the inadequacies of the Nigerian Educational System. Over 300 Nigerian students are engaged in the iLead curriculum which includes leadership and career development exercises tailored for a Nigerian audience. For more info on how iLead Nigeria is helping to develop the next wave of the world's leaders, please click [here](#)



Summer Reading List

What will you be reading this summer? The team at EES has made some thought-provoking recommendations to help you avoid summer slump:

- **Who's Afraid of the Big Bad Dragon: Why China has the Best (and Worst) Education System in the World** by Yong Zhao
- **A New Culture of Learning** by Douglas Thomas and John Seely Brown
- **Fierce Leadership: A Bold Alternative to the Worst "Best" Practices of Business Today** by Susan Scott
- **Leading Change in Your School: How to Conquer Myths, Build Commitment, and Get Results** by Douglas Reeves

Happy reading!



iLeader of the Month

Greetings from the newest Edwards Educational Services team member, Nancy Testa. Nancy's approach is to willingly take on new challenges with confidence and optimism. Her favorite quote, "Go confidently in the direction of your dreams. Live the life you have imagined," by Thoreau, truly captures her beliefs and essence of life's paths, both personally and professionally.

Nancy is married to her husband, Sebby, for over 29 years. They have 2 children. A daughter, Claudia, who lives in Cheshire, CT with her husband, Anthony, and a son, Christopher, who lives and works in Brooklyn, NY. Nancy has lived all of her life in Connecticut and has been an educator for over 25 years, receiving her BS in Elementary Education and Spanish from The University of St. Joseph. She also received her Master's degree in Elementary Education from Central Connecticut State University. In her first years as an educator, Nancy taught pre-Kindergarten and full-day kindergarten before teaching high school Spanish. During her tenure as a Spanish teacher, Nancy received her Doctorate in Educational Leadership from Nova Southeastern University.

In the last 5 years, Nancy was a K-12 district-level administrator supervising ESL/Bilingual, World Language and Gifted & Talented teachers and tutors for a large district in CT. She spearheaded numerous initiatives to support program improvement for students across the district who were English Language Learners, World Language learners and Gifted & Talented students. The effectiveness of her leadership led to improved K-12 programs, curricula and student success and academic achievement.

In her free time, Nancy enjoys spending time with her husband, family and

friends. She also enjoys spending her time at their RI beach house, gardening, entertaining and reading. Nancy is excited to be a member of the Edwards Educational Services Team and looks forward to her contributions to the company, children, educators and schools.



Upcoming Events

For educators:

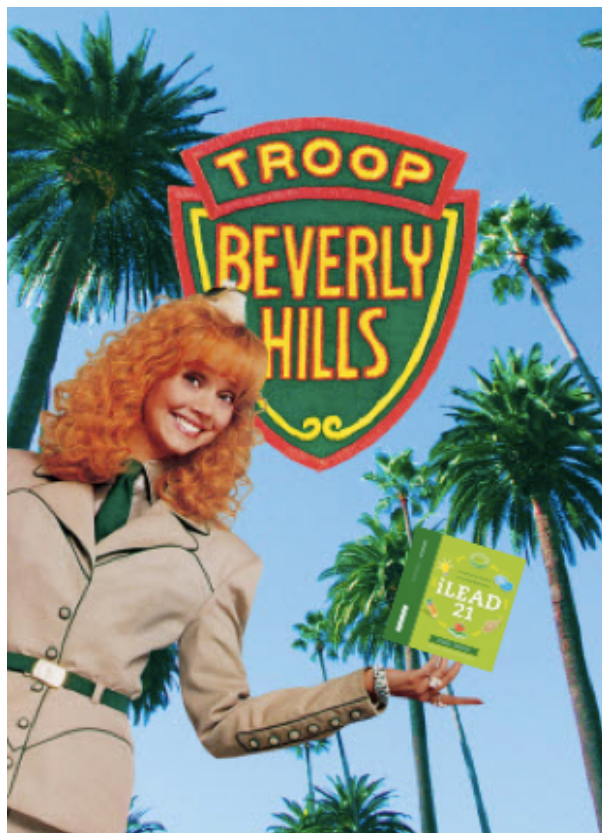
Please join us for 'At the Intersection of Visionary and Instructional Leadership' with Laurie Barron, the 2013 National Middle Level Principal of the Year, this June 24 in Beckley, West Virginia.

Register [here](#)

Come explore leadership protocols that cultivate immediate, noticeable short-term and long-term benefits to health, wellness, performance and quality of life this July 12-17 in Farmville, Virginia at The Secrets of Champions Summer Institute. For more information, please visit [here](#)

For students:

Come be a part of your own Troop Beverly Hills this July 27- August 7 at iLead Summer Camp hosted through Baroody Camps! Conveniently located at St. Rita's in the Beverly Hills neighborhood of Alexandria, your rising 7th-9th grader will learn important leadership skills while having fun! Contact [Michelle](#) for more details!



NYAR Conference Las Vegas

Save the date! This November 5-7, the [National Youth at Risk Conference](#) arrives in Las Vegas, Nevada. Conference attendees will have the opportunity to:

- Identify specific instructional strategies to increase student engagement and achievement in school.
- Examine social issues that place youth at risk and identify steps to address these issues to increase student engagement and achievement in school.
- See Dr. Steven Edwards in action!

THOUGHT LEADER

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