From the Desk Of …

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"From the Desk Of ..." provides inside perspectives from some of the most high-performing leaders in ed reform. This month features Tracy Epp, who, after working in education for 13 years in the Rio Grande Valley, moved with her wife and two dogs to Brooklyn. Tracy currently oversees the network-wide alignment of curriculum, assessment and teacher development here at Achievement First, but she’s probably best known for her trademark cowboy boots.

Learn more about what keeps Tracy deeply connected to her work here.

Use Our Teaching Resources

Each of your students is continuing their climb up the mountain to college this fall. Use the resources below to push their literacy skills forward.

Over the year, your elementary students will be reading lots of challenging texts. Use these strategies to help them decode tricky words.

Push your middle school students’ non-fiction reading skills using this English Language Arts unit on immigration.

Develop your high school students’ skills analyzing character and theme with this unit on "I Know Why the Caged Bird Sings."

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Featured Opportunity

2013-14 Special Education Teachers
Start Date: Immediate
Location: Hartford, CT

Our special education teachers work hard to meet the needs of every student in our schools. Achievement First supports these efforts with robust teacher professional development, including weekly coaching meetings, ongoing planning sessions and unparalleled learning opportunities. Learn more and apply here.

We also have a variety of openings remaining for the 2013-14 school year. To learn more about our available teacher and leader roles, click here.

Network Support Featured Opportunity

Director, Human Capital
Start Date: Immediate
Location: Brooklyn, NY or New Haven, CT

The director of human capital plays a critical role in helping to develop and retain our talented and diverse staff. The director develops, communicates and implements organizational policies and programs, oversees the organization’s benefits program, and strategizes solutions to
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Meet us on the Road

Throughout the year, our team visits cities across the country in search of teachers and school leaders who are passionate about creating high-quality experiences for urban students. Below are cities we’ll be visiting soon; please email us to learn more.

September 14 - Kansas City, MO
September 25 - Storrs, CT
October 5 - New Haven, CT
October 24 - Providence, RI

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