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Admin Advantage Updates

In this issue you will find information about the upcoming Gardnier Networking Conference as well as several opportunities for grants, FREE classroom resources, and professional development. Don't miss the video on SEL and literacy focused student advisory groups!

Administrators in the *Success Partners* Network stay informed of the latest information, events, and support using this monthly *Admin Advantage Updates* email. Our *Success Stories* newsletter is delivered within a week to both leadership and staff members whose emails have been made available.



SAVE THE DATE!



GARDINER Scholarship Networking Conference

Step Up For Students is sponsoring a Gardiner Scholarship Networking Conference: "Effective Strategies for Supporting Students with Unique Abilities," on **June 8th**, **2018**. **Click the button above for more information**. Registration begins March 20th!

Spotlight on Sr. Gilchrist Cottrill: A Lifetime of Service to Students with Special Needs



Sr. Gilchrist Cottrill, principal of The McKay Academy in Bradenton, was honored at the annual meeting of the Association of Independent Schools of Florida on February 22nd. She received the Richard and Dorothy Lear Distinguished Educator Award for her exemplary work on behalf of children with special needs in private education. In her touching remarks, Sr. Gilchrist reminisced about being told as an undergrad that she shouldn't choose a career in education because she had a speech impairment. Always blazing her own trail, she ignored this recommendation and described how she found "light" in the hearts and minds of her students throughout her vocation as an educator. We are grateful to Sr. Gilchrist for her selfless service to children with special needs.

2018 Grants Guide

Looking for Grants?

for STEM, EdTech, and Professional Development

The newly updated 2018 Grants Guide contains more than 55 links to organizations and businesses that offer a variety of cash or in-kind donations to help fund STEM programs for K-8 students, new technology for classrooms, and even professional development opportunities for educators.

<u>Get your free copy</u> of the 2018 Grants Guide to see detailed grant listings, tips for how to apply, and the very latest details on ESSA funding.

Integrating SEL and Literacy

Pearl-Cohn Entertainment Magnet High School students attend a daily 40-minute advisory meeting that combines social and emotional learning work and literacy. Get a peek at daily advisory meetings where students build both literacy and social and emotional learning skills in tight-knit groups.

Click here to watch the video.



Check Out This New Free Resource for Your School!



Click Here to View the Informational Flyer

We are excited to share that Step Up for Students has partnered with leading content creator EVERFI to provide teachers with access to their full digital learning platform and accompanying professional development at **no cost** to your school!

EVERFI's online resources bring real-world topics, such as financial literacy, money management, cyberbullying, STEM, and career readiness, into the classroom. Lessons are completed independently by students and contain self-grading pre and post assessments and reports for teachers. Visit <u>https://everfi.com</u> to see all of the resources!

If you are an educator and would like to **get started right away** at <u>www.everfi.com/register</u>. Select teacher, then search for your school which has been pre-loaded.

Contact Florida program director Mathew Kirouac directly at <u>mkirouac@everfi.com</u> or call 813-903-2633 with questions.