

Equipping Your Students with Soft Skills for Life

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Has It *Really* Come to This?

- The recruiter
- The interviewer
- The professor
- The trainer



Let's Look at Some of the Issues

Fact #1: Among the top eighteen industrialized nations in the world, the United States ranks **ninth** in the world in enrollment but **dead last** in completion rates.

Fact #2: According to colleges and employers, young adults are less successful at college and the workplace not for lack of academic knowledge, but for **lack of “soft skills”** like endurance, self-reliance, communication, resourcefulness, and problem-solving.

What Employers Are *Seeking*

Reliability

Integrity

Respect

High standards

Courtesy

Teamwork

Positivity

Resilience

Good manners

Sense of humor

Skilled communication

Enthusiasm

Self control

Motivation/work ethic



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What Employers Say They're *Getting*

- Entitlement mentality
- Unreliability
- Lack of social skills and manners
- Disrespect
- Fear of failure; difficulty handling feedback
- Distraction



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Soft Skills Sampler

- High standards of excellence
- Positive attitude
- Relationship and team building skills
- Dependability
- Integrity
- Emotional intelligence
- Resilience
- Time management
- Long-term vision
- Self discipline
- Intentionality
- Motivation/Work Ethic



Strategic Perspective and Focus

- *Discover your purpose and inspiration*
- *Don't define success by riches*
- *Live life without regrets*
- *Diversify your life*



Character and Ethics

- *Preserve your reputation and integrity*
- *Give everything your best*
- *Embrace constructive feedback*
- *Be an encourager and always look for the best in people*



Relationships and Communication

- *First impressions are huge*
- *Be inquisitive when meeting others*
- *Connect with people who share your values and interests*
- *Steer clear of destructive people*
- *How you say it can matter more than what you say*



Personal Productivity and Discipline

- *Set and periodically assess your goals*
- *Become a masterful decision maker*
- *Time is precious—use it wisely*
- *Adversity can be preparation for greater things and often makes sense later*



Modeling the Qualities Employers Value

- *Build a winning competitive edge*
- *Learn to persuasively market yourself*
- *Build your sales force*
- *Demonstrate the qualities employers value*

College and Career Readiness

Financial Literacy

Life Skills

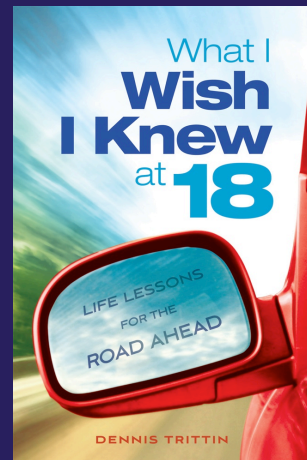
Leadership

Character

Life Literacy

Soft Skills

Relationships



School culture

Developmental Assets

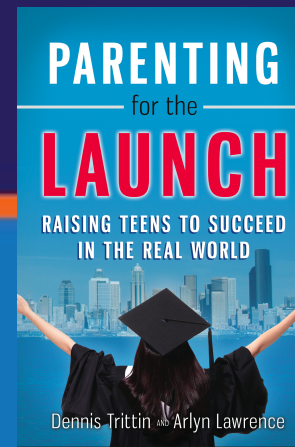
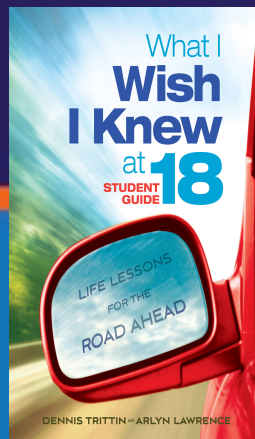
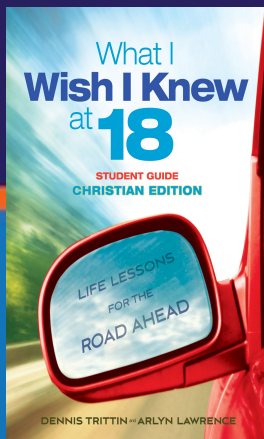
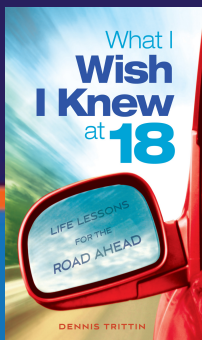
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Versatile Resources for Student Leadership Development

- Innovative Leadership Curriculum: *What I Wish I Knew at 18*
- Serving Administrators, Faculty, Counselors, and Students
- Natural Bridge with Students and Parents!



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Distinctions of Our Program

- Personal leadership foundation for life
- Demonstrates practices of admired, successful leaders
- Perspective (addresses the needs of the workplace)
- Self-discovery, collaboration, application
- Practical and engaging
- Broad scope (“one stop shop”)
- Flexible (full core curriculum or supplemental)
- Complete lessons for immediate implementation

WIWIK@18 Intersections

- FCS Core Standards: fulfills 51 competencies
- FCCLA Competitive Events: alignment with 5 Star Event categories
- 23 of 40 Search Institute's Developmental Assets
- Voice to parents; advocating for schools and teens
- FCCLA section under "Resources" on website

A Look at the Guide

Where to Find WIWIK@18?

FCCLA Bookstore: here/online

1-800-BOOKLOG

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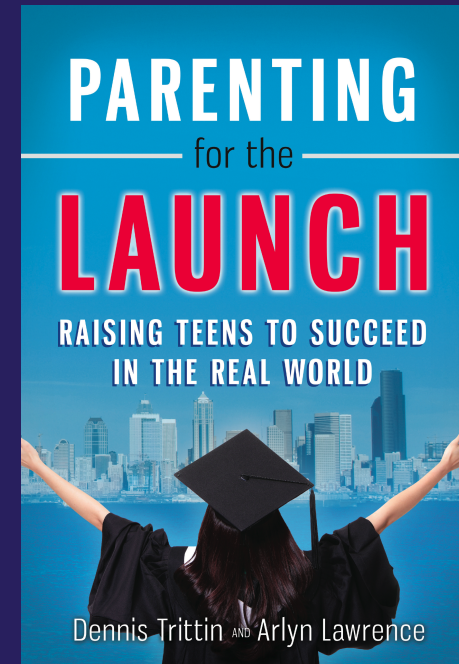
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Click on “Resources”
Click on FCCLA

Building Community with Parents

- Effects of parenting style
- Leadership and decision making
- Valuing uniqueness/affirming worth
- Empowering communications
- Recruiting positive voices
- Moving from driver to passenger
- Achieving a successful transition
- Serving as your third party voice!



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