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When I first started the process of creating my ePortfolio, I had no idea the tears and trauma I would self-induce. I didn't know where to begin and stared at my blank screen just confused about what to do. I had to give myself the pep talk of just getting started and see where it goes. To my surprise I realized I was overcomplicating things once again. I initially started my ePortfolio with Canva, after hearing Dr. H go on and on about Wix I decided to give it a try. Life changed, it became so much easier. I found the look I wanted and all I had to do was plug in information that I wanted to share. That was it. Simple. I went from wanting to quit the program to realizing I can do way more than I give myself credit for. I was so proud of my ePortfolio that I shared it with my peers, colleagues, and parents with the message, "Yeah I did that".

Looking back now, I can laugh at how I felt in those early days, but at the time it was rough. Finishing my ePortfolio gave me a huge sense of accomplishment. I worked through my own doubts and insecurities to completion. When I met with Dr. H he had the old link to my portfolio, but once I told him oh no, I changed the link and sent it to him he gave me the best compliment, "my ePortfolio was on the of best in the class". He didn't even know I was looking into dropping this degree and it gave me the push I needed to keep going.

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One of the hardest challenges in the beginning of this class was the discussion. I think my group and I did not have great communication. The first discussion I got was the lowest grade of my life! I had to fight to get my grade up. From what I noticed by groupmates worked weeks ahead of what was due, so with the discussions they were done. I had a choice to make, keep up

or stay behind. I began to work ahead, I wanted to beat them to the discussion questions and once that happened my grades improved.

For the assignments that we completed, that was a fun challenge for me. I have a passion for improving communication for all. Our first assignment was exploring digital resources; I went through various digital resources that I had no idea existed. There were a lot of aha moments that I even had to share with my team at work. If it wasn't for this class I would never have heard of magic school, and I am forcing my team to use it this upcoming school year.

[Exploring Digital Resources](#). The next assignment Educational Leadership Role stimulation helped me step out of my comfort zone and learn more about myself. It made me realize that I want more out of my career. I naturally have a collaborative leadership style due to the nature of my job. It's imperative that I get information from all parties involved. But now I want to tap into my authoritative leadership. I want to go into a room and tell people to get it done without having to water it down or worry about backlash. [Educational Leadership Role Stimulation](#).

Overall, this course challenged me in ways I didn't think possible. I learned my leadership style and others that I can adopt when it's needed. I found my voice and how to advocate for myself and others and found passions that were forgotten about. I am eager to continue growing and learning. I can't wait to find out what's next for me.