**Professional Growth Plan**

My educational leadership philosophy is based on the Team Leadership approach which favors working in collaborative groups to accomplish a common goal. This model is designed to support organizational work groups and establishes clear guidelines to complete a specific task or outcome (Northouse, 2013). As a leader, it is essential to empower those around you because strength comes in numbers. If you are able to effectively create and manage teams you will be able to successfully accomplish any given goal. “It’s all about being in the same boat, rowing in the same direction for a common vision and everyone winning” (Ridinger, 2013).

As an educational technology leader, my aim is to set the bar high in pursuit of academic excellence and to create a model school that promotes initiatives in Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics. In order to meet the demands of a global workplace, it is essential that I equip my students with the 21st century skills needed to support college and career readiness. I would like to concentrate my efforts in making a difference in K-12 settings with the ultimate goal of increasing the high school graduation rates in urban districts.

In order to achieve my future goals and aspirations, I have decided to pursue a Doctoral Degree in Educational Technology Leadership from New Jersey City University. This program will afford me with the opportunity to achieve my future endeavors by laying a foundation in the fundamentals of educational technology leadership, theory and practice and research.

**Academic Goals for 2014-2015**

* Collaborate and network with Doctoral Candidates to promote STEM initiatives within the community.
* Create an opportunity within my own school to expose students to coding apps.
* Foster relationships with Liberty Science Center to maximize the existing STEM initiative within my school.
* Continue to enhance my researching skills and publish future articles.
* Create opportunities to collaborate with the science department in my district and in an effort to promote additional STEM initiatives within my own school.
* Continue to research trends in technology to maximize student achievement.