

American Inspiration

Thoughts for today and every day . . .



✓“Dancers are the athletes of God.” Albert Einstein

✓“To dance is to be out of yourself. Larger, more beautiful, more powerful. This is power, it is glory on earth and it is yours for the taking.” Agnes De Mille

✓“Dancing is like dreaming with your feet.” Constanze

✓“I see dance being used as communication between body and soul, to express what is too deep to find for words.” Ruth St. Denis



American Update

With the end of school approaching at a fast pace, many of you are planning your end of year banquets and welcoming your new teams. You may want to resource some of the past American Inspiration messages to find a motivational passage that might be just right for you to read to your outgoing or new team. You can resource these on our web site on the [Line Archives page](#).

Keep in mind that American offers not only great officer camps for your Dance Officers but a fantastic curriculum for Social Officers as well! We have three Officer Camp locations that offer the Social Officer Curriculum, or you can opt to have a One Day Officer or Social Officer Camp at your school. Make sure to visit [our Summer Camp page](#) for more information.



Inspiration of the Week

Leaders Touch a Heart Before They Ask for a Hand

John C. Maxwell author of “The Maxwell Leadership Bible”

A leader can't connect with people only when they are communicating in groups; they must connect with individuals. The stronger the relationship and connection between individuals, the more likely the follower will help the leader. Successful leaders always initiate; they take the first step and make the effort to continue building relationships.

Connecting with people isn't complicated but it takes effort. Observe the truths about connection that some have ignored:

- Your team will be more willing to take action when you first move them with emotion.
- When you give first, your team will give in return.

- When you connect with individuals, you gain the attention of crowds.
- When you reach out to your team, they will reach back to you.
- Whether you have just taken over a leadership position or are well established, you must connect with your team if you want to succeed.

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