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**Girls Thinking Global Launches Online Community on edWeb**

*The new community will host a series of webinars, the first of which will focus on women and girls in leadership.*

CAMBRIDGE, MASSACHUSETTS (November 20, 2015) – [Girls Thinking Global](#) (GTG), dedicated to connecting nonprofits that serve adolescent girls and young women around the world, today launched an online professional learning community on [edWeb](#). The community will help educators and organizations connect and converse about ways to nurture leadership qualities in adolescent girls and young women.

The GTG community will host a series of webinars to share stories and ideas for initiatives that will make a difference in girls' lives. The community will feature many diverse voices addressing these issues, including girls and young women; teachers, administrators, and educators at all levels; organizations providing services and educational programs; and parents and community leaders.

“We are thrilled to collaborate with edWeb in launching this new community,” said GTG’s Executive Director, Ginny Kirkland. “We share the goal of empowering and educating adolescent girls and young women and increasing the development of leadership skills for girls everywhere.”

The community’s first webinar, “Fostering Leadership in Women and Girls,” will take place on December 2, 2015, at 3 p.m. ET. Deb deVries and Kathy Hurley, founders of Girls Thinking Global, will use *Real Women, Real Leaders*, a book recently co-edited by Hurley and Priscilla Schumway, to lead a conversation on some of the latest research on the strengths of women as leaders, as well as real life experiences of women who have achieved significant leadership roles in education and business.

“We invite teachers, administrators, education industry executives, parents, and students to join us for this kick-off presentation for the Girls Thinking Global community,” said Lisa Schmucki, the founder and CEO of edWeb.

To learn more about Girls Thinking Global, please visit [here](#).

**About Girls Thinking Global**

Based in Newton, Massachusetts, Girls Thinking Global (GTG) has a mission to connect global changemakers to empower adolescent girls. GTG’s vision is to cross-pollinate a global network of organizations serving girls and young women to leverage resources. This is achieved by using technology to create a collaborative space connecting best practices, knowledge, and expertise among nonprofits working with adolescent girls and

young women, allowing those organizations to grow and continue to expand their services.

### **About *Real Women, Real Leaders***

*Real Women, Real Leaders* profiles women thought leaders who provide personal, useful insights into their leadership journeys. Using the 16 leadership competencies developed by Jack Zenger and Joe Folkman, the women leaders describe their own experiences and offer guidance on topics such as building alliances, mentoring other women, balancing family and career, and overcoming obstacles in a man's world. *Real Women, Real Leaders* can be found at Amazon, Barnes & Noble, Books-A-Million, and 800CEOREAD.com. To learn more about the editors of and contributors to the book, please visit [here](#).

### **About edWeb**

edWeb.net is a highly acclaimed professional social and learning network that has become a vibrant online community for exceptional educators, decision makers, and influencers who are on the leading edge of innovation in education. edWeb members are teachers, faculty, administrators, and librarians at K-12 and post-secondary institutions. edWeb is a place where educators who are looking for ways to improve teaching and learning can gather and share information and ideas with peers and thought leaders in the industry. To learn more about edWeb, please visit [here](#)

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