

## Mission

The Everest Leadership Academy is all about your pursuit of excellence and your development as a leader – in school, at home, in your community, and in your future careers.

For those who may not start out with all the advantages, The Everest Leadership Academy intends to make a difference. The Academy proposition is that the early formative years are most critical as there will be defining moments (inflection points) which will define who we are later on in life. At the Academy we help young people scale new heights and enjoy the climb by embracing and recognizing those defining moments.

We embrace academic education taught in the classroom (the hard IQ skills) and focus on developing the social character (the soft EQ leadership skills) that prepares people to succeed. We fully understand that knowledge by itself is not enough - it's the wise use of knowledge that matters.

Wade Boggs best describes the essence of the Academy's teachings - "Our lives are not determined by what happens to us but how we react to what happens, not by what life brings us but the attitude we bring to life. It's all up to each of us to take what we're given and maximize our success and happiness." We should not be constrained by our circumstances. The condition of one's life should not determine the outcome of one's life. It's where we should all have an equal opportunity to achieve and succeed based on our ability and willingness to put in hard work. We can't ignore the unfortunate reality that many young people don't have the ability and freedom to make these choices in their lives. The Everest Leadership Academy is our humble effort to level the playing field by helping build new bridges to the American Dream for young people who may not start out with all the advantages.

The Founder's life story is emblematic of his three defining moments:

- The six-grade math teacher – a pat on the back indicating I had a gift for math.
- Cardinal Hayes HS – a disciplined education and a game changing event.
- My cousin Raymond who became my mentor and role model – a first generation American, Harvard graduate, Fulbright Scholar to Rome, Full scholarship to Columbia Law School, and deputy counsel for a fortune 500 company.

These three defining moments (inflection points) occurred in formative years from the age of 12 to 16. The Founder is convinced had none of these events occurred he would not have gone onto college and become a serial CEO and leader.