

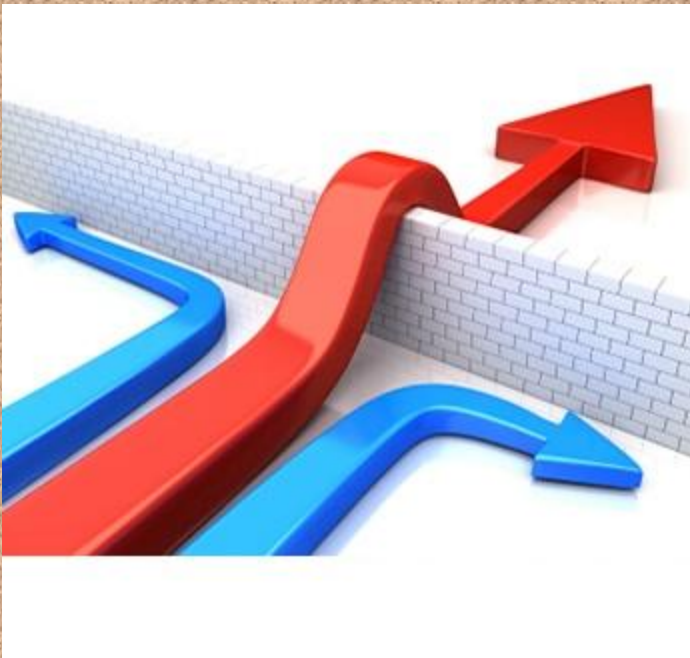
*Breathtaking Exhilaration*

THE ~~CHALLENGE~~ OF  
IMPLEMENTING INNOVATIVE  
TEACHING IDEAS

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# OPPORTUNITIES

**D**ream

**A**rticulate

**F**riend(s)

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**A**chieve

**C**elebrate



# OPPORTUNITIES



Dreams are how we  
see the future

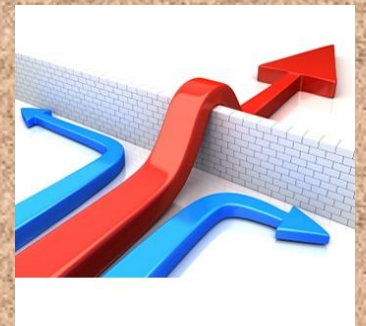
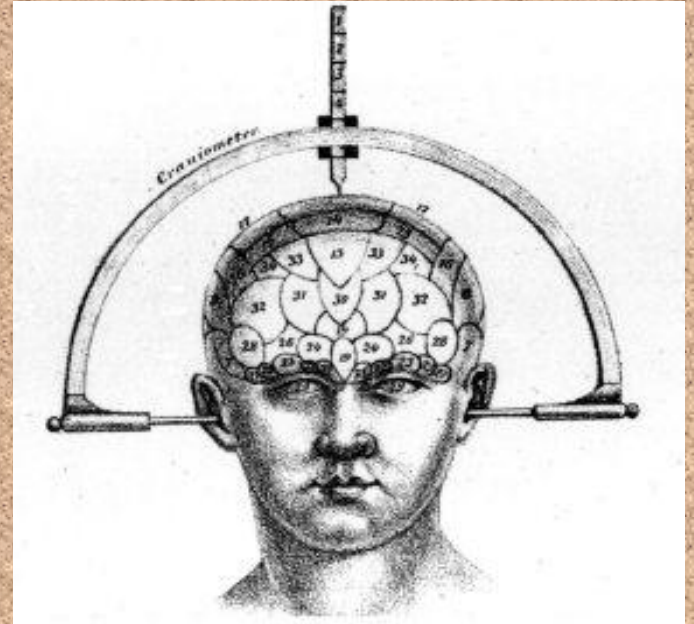
Allow yourself to  
dream

Then go create your dream



# OPPORTUNITIES

Great things can  
happen when you  
shift your  
perspective  
slightly



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Looking at the big picture or at least remembering a bigger picture exists is the challenge.



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Beever*



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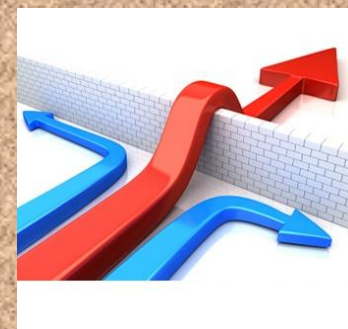
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This little light of mine,  
I'm gonna let it shine  
Repeat, repeat...  
Let it shine,  
Repeat, repeat....



Hide it under a bushel?  
No!  
I'm gonna let it shine



# OPPORTUNITIES

Articulate

Talk it out

Write it up

Present it to colleagues

Present it to your department

Present it to other departments

Solicit feedback



# OPPORTUNITIES

Articulate

Great ideas don't have to cost \$\$



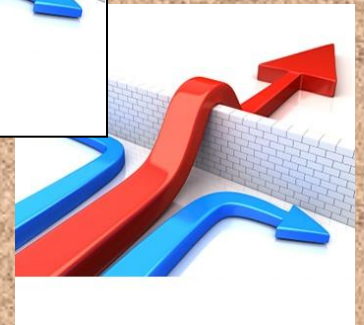
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## *Articulating Innovative Teaching Ideas*

1.

2.

3.



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## **FRIENDS**

Who can help you make this happen?

Peers?

Supervisors?

Community members?



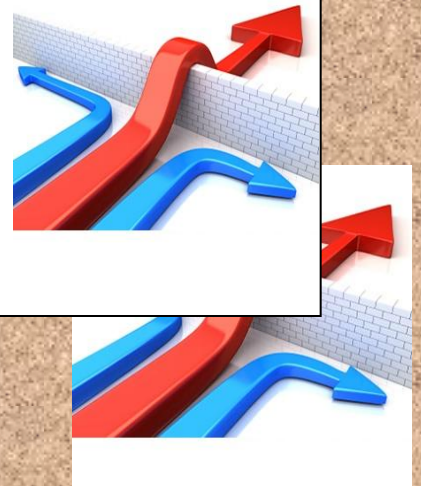
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## *Friends to Help Implement Innovative Teaching Ideas*

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Plan it out



# OPPORTUNITIES

Set a schedule



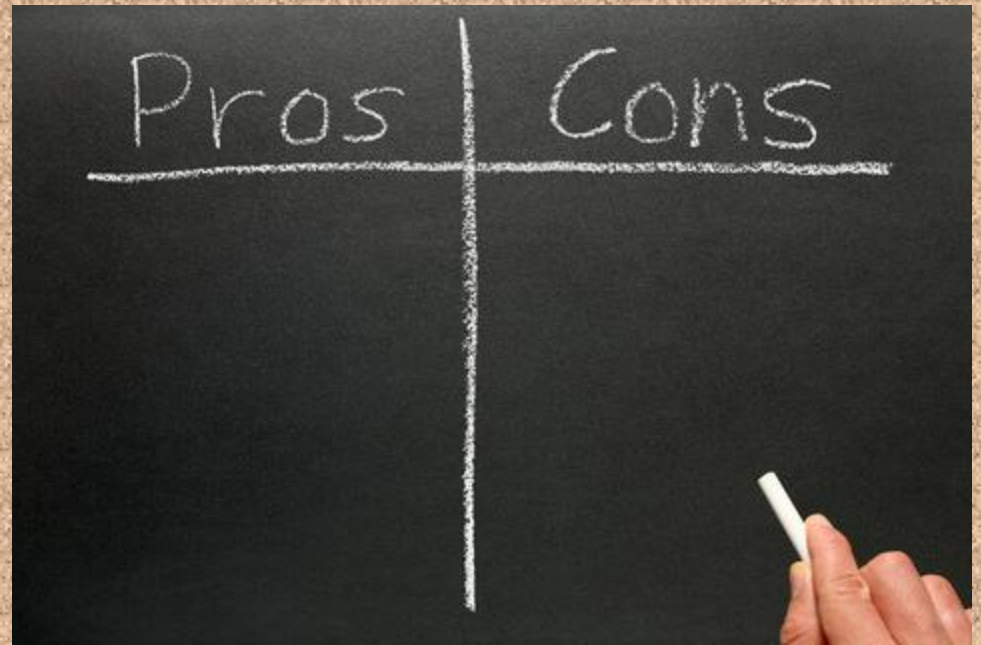
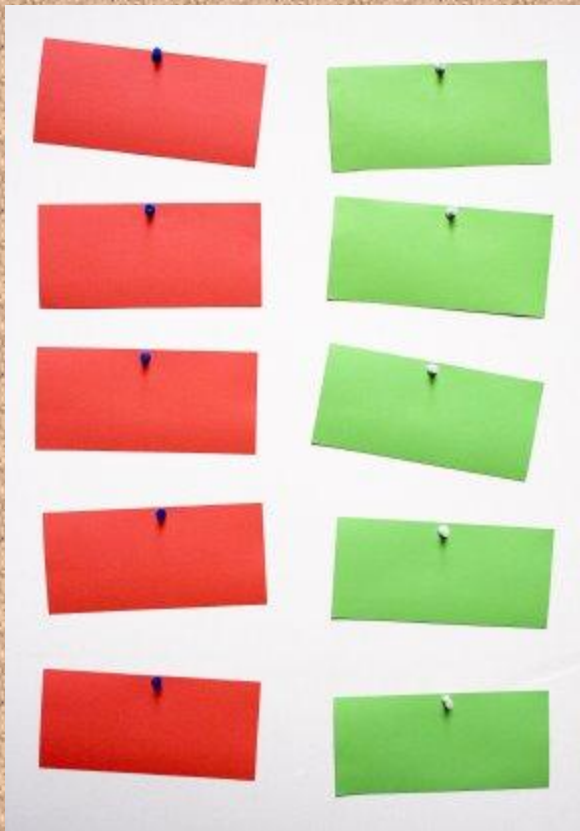
Include milestones

Be realistic



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Wear different hats



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Achieve

Pause long enough to  
realize you are acting on  
your goal



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Celebrate!



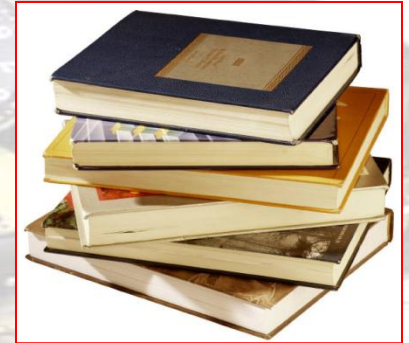
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Caveats: banana strings



# OPPORTUNITIES

I teach so I can reflect  
quietly on the beauty of the  
universe....



# OPPORTUNITIES

You're no good to your students if  
you burn out and leave

You're no good to your students if  
you burn out and don't leave

**Moral: Don't burn out**



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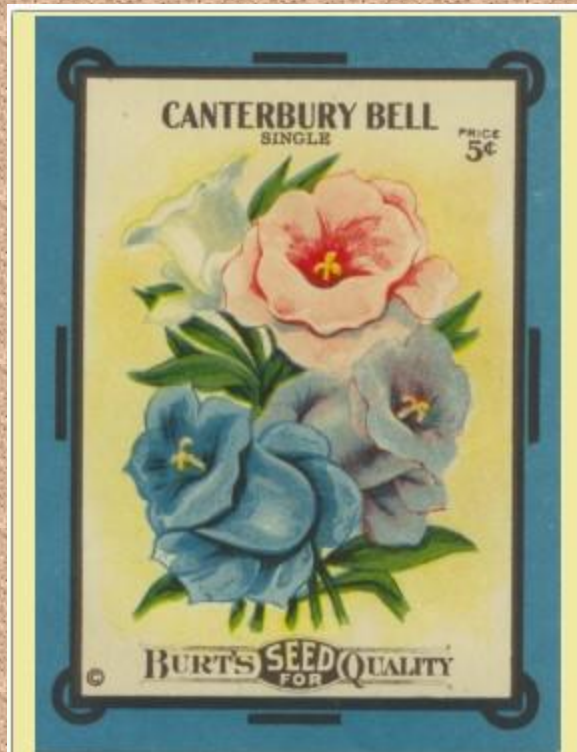
Try not to stall at brick walls and dead ends



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Keep the big picture in mind

Plant your seeds and wait; sometimes they  
surprise you



Don't give up

Not "no" just not now



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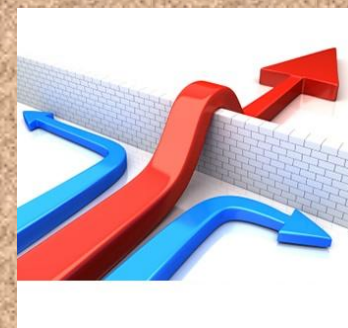
*A wildflower is a weed with better marketing.*



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What questions do you have?

